

# CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

# HowNiKan

*People of the Fire*

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## Gatherings well-attended, election moving ahead

# Spring heralds CPN progress

As the Spring season of renewal rounds into full-speed mode, Citizen Potawatomis across the country are turning out in large numbers for the revival of area meetings, now known as Tribal Area Gatherings, and preparing for an election in which they will elect a Tribal Chairman and legislators for Districts Nos. 4 and 8.

As this *HowNiKan* went to publication, Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps had traveled to Las Vegas, Dallas, Houston, Rossville (KS), St. Louis, Jacksonville (FL), and Phoenix. April and an early May dates remain for Tribal Area Gatherings in Southern and Northern California, Portland (OR), and Alexandria (VA).

The Gatherings have been well-attended. They retain the flavor of the former regional meetings, with CPN members attending to renew friendships and spend time with family members while learning the latest about progress and other developments in the Nation's programs and business entities.



*Work progresses on relocation of Rangeline Road, which is adjacent to Raymond Peltier Park. This panoramic view is a composite of photos shot from a vantage point atop FireLake Discount Foods, looking south. The new Rangeline Road, the Y-shaped ribbon of concrete, cuts through what was the softball fields south of the supermarket. Raymond Peltier Park, site of most Family Reunion Festival events, is in the upper left of the photo.*

On the election front, Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett is seeking re-election to a new four-year term. Former tribal employee Jeremy Finch, of Tecumseh, Oklahoma and tribal member Diana Brasfield of Bartlesville, Oklahoma are also seeking the office.

Two Topeka residents are seeking a four-year term as the District #4 (Kansas legislator – incumbent Theresa Adame, an employee of Capitol Orthopedics, and Jon

Boursaw, who retired recently from a position as director of the CPN's Cultural Heritage Center.

Six candidates have offered themselves to serve the remaining one year of the late Rep. Jacqueline Taylor's term as District #8 legislator: William Edward Anderson of Whitefish, Montana; Ginger Lee Blackmon of Seward, Alaska; David Carney of Olympia, Washington; Patrick Shannon of Missoula, Montana; Clyde Slavin of Vancouver, Washington; and Kelli Jo Willard of Bothell, Washington.

The CPN Election Committee has mailed Absentee Ballot Request Forms to more than 21,700 members who are eligible to vote because they will be 18 or older no later than election day, June 27, 2009. Such a form is available on page 21 in this edition of the *HowNiKan* or can be downloaded and printed out from [www.cpnelectioncentral.org/2009BallotRequest.pdf](http://www.cpnelectioncentral.org/2009BallotRequest.pdf).

The Election Committee will begin mailing Absentee Ballots in early May. A



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# Walking On

**Juanita Chrest**



Juanita Chrest, 91, Wamego, Kansas, died Sunday, December 9, 2007 at her home. She was a long time member of the community. Juanita was born on May 4, 1916, the daughter of Russell K. (Dick) and Ida Luttig Peddicord. She attended local schools and graduated from Wamego High School.

Juanita married Joseph (Dale) Chrest on September 26, 1933 in Topeka. He preceded her in death on February 28, 2003. She was a homemaker and farm wife working

the family farm Northwest of Belvue, Kansas, along the Oregon Trail. Juanita also taught elementary school at the Mayetta Indian Reservation and later in a Belvue rural school. She also worked at the Wamego City Hospital. In 1973, she moved to New Prague, Minnesota and returned to Kansas in 1977. Juanita was a member of Shilo Christian Church in Wamego.

Juanita is survived by her daughter, RaEtta Wilson and her husband, Duane, Wamego; a brother, Jim Peddicord, Minden, Nevada; two sisters, Anna Fern Bahner, Belvue, and Dorothy Vilven and her husband, Wallace, Sun City, Arizona; a daughter-in-law, Janice Chrest, Wamego; eight grandchildren, Roger Chrest and his wife, Patty, Burdett, Kansas, Ronnie Chrest and his wife, Charlotte, Great Bend, Kansas, Renee Mathos and her husband, Bobby, Wamego, Rusty Chrest and his wife, Beth, Wamego, Richie Chrest and his wife, Joanie, Wamego, Wendy Matthews and her husband, Jim, St. George, Kansas, Becky Wolfe, St. George, and Rod Wolfe and his wife, Idalia, Emporia, Kansas; 24 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Richard (Dick) Chrest, in January 2006.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Shilo Christian Church Youth Ministry. Those may be sent in care of the Campanella-Evans Mortuary, [www.campanellafuneral.com](http://www.campanellafuneral.com).

**Carlisle Jenks**



Tecumseh resident Carlisle Jenks died Thursday, December 4, 2008 in Tecumseh at the age of 75. He was born on October 30, 1933 in Concho, Oklahoma, the son of Carl F. and Arra Belle (Rogers) Jenks. He lived most of his life in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. He attended Tecumseh Schools and was a member of the Class of 1952. He was a charter member of Tecumseh FFA and a member of the THS Alumni, and also served as FFA Booster Club President.

He was a retired truck driver, having driven for Acord Trucking, Big Heart Crude Oil, and Flying B Transportation. He was a member of Shawnee Christian Church, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, and the Tecumseh American Legion. He

served in the U.S. Army, 95th Infantry Division from 1959 to 1965.

He married Kay Anderson on March 16, 1962 in Tecumseh.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his mother and father-in-law, A.J. and Pat Anderson; brother-in-law, Bob Stringer; and nephews, Neal Anderson and Nathan Cosby.

Survivors include his wife Kay of the home; son and daughter-in-law, J.W. 'Bud' and Sharlene Jenks of Shawnee; two daughters and one son-in-law, Leslie and Paul Pope of Tecumseh and Donna Jenks of Shawnee; six grandchildren, Mike and Mechelle Jenks of Lexington, Nicole and Julio Sanchez of Tecumseh, Carl and Jamie Jenks of Shawnee, Danielle and Matt Sisco of Tecumseh, and Nick Pope and Josh Pope, both of Tecumseh; and two step-grandchildren, Curtis Abernathy and Brittany Abernathy, both of Shawnee; four great-granddaughters, Madysen, Emilee, and Haylee Jenks of Lexington, and Blakeley Sanchez of Tecumseh; and two step-great-grandchildren, Micah and Micailah Sanchez of Tecumseh.

He is also survived by two sisters and one brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Jim Post, and Ozetta Stringer, all of Shawnee; several nieces and nephews; bothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Lana Anderson of Tecumseh and Karen and Ferrell Fletcher of Shawnee; and mother-in-law, Dottie Anderson of Shawnee; as well as special family friends David and Chris Qualls of Tecumseh.

A service was conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 8, 2008 at Cooper Funeral Chapel in Tecumseh, with Tommy Smith of the Shawnee Christian Church officiating. Burial was in Tecumseh Cemetery.

To share memories, or to sign the guest book on-line, go to [www.cooperfuneral.com](http://www.cooperfuneral.com).

**Emma Mae Roxie Walters**

Emma Mae Roxie Walters walked on to the Great Chief in Heaven October 9, 2008. She was born in Newkirk, Oklahoma on September 13, 1920, the daughter of Raymond W. and Hazel Frances Fry. They preceded her in death at

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**Daniel Keith Denton**



an early age, as did her baby sister Alfreda Victoria.

She then lived with her grandparents, Andrew Albert and Effie Mae Coder in Wamego, Kansas for the remainder of her school years. On February 3, 1944, she married Audrey R. Walters and began a 64-year marriage, with the first 25 years being an Army wife.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and housekeeper, her family always came first. Her children are Judith Ann Meinking of Liverpool, New York; Audrey R. Walters Jr. of Driftwood, Texas; and Andrew Thomas Walters of Oak Ridge North, Texas. Her family included several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was proud of being a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Indian Nation and of the Indian culture. She was a descendant of the famous Indian matriarch Cateche Bourbonnias.

Her love of children was shown in her volunteer participation at all local levels of Parent Teacher Associations, Boy and Girl Scouts, and the Salvation Army; she was awarded life membership in each. Her contributions to children's funds, military service, and law enforcement organizations were a must; her patriotism abounded.

She enjoyed traveling, and traveled extensively in the United States, Europe, and Japan.

Visitation was from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at Sunset Funeral Homes-Northeast. A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at Sunset Funeral

Homes-Northeast. Interment followed at Fort Bliss National Cemetery.

Services were entrusted to Sunset Funeral Homes-Northeast. Please visit the online register book at [www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net](http://www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net).

Daniel Keith Denton (*Deweigan Manidoo - Drum Spirit*) of Dearborn Heights, Michigan died unexpectedly in his sleep from undetected heart problems on October 15, 2007 at the age of 37. He leaves behind his beloved wife of eight wonderful years, Patricia (Heart of the Bear Woman) and two young sons, Nathaniel Robert, three-and-one-half years old, and Jacob David, five weeks old. Daniel and Nathaniel were especially close, and Dan was developing the same bond with Jacob when he died.

He also leaves behind a sister, Rebecca Denton-Wuerth (Medicine Owl), and two nephews, Cole Denton and Devon Denton-Wuerth, from Capac, Michigan and his parents, Robert and Joyce Denton, of Lapeer, Michigan.

Daniel was born both Citizen Potawatomi and Ojibwa, a descendant of Amos Mars (Peltier), Citizen Potawatomi Nation, and Naomi Catherine Shirette-Mars, Ojibwa, Bad River Band, Ashland, Wisconsin.

Daniel's father, Robert, is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, as was Daniel's grandmother, Shirley Mars-Denton, and his great-grandfather, Amos Mars. Daniel and Rebecca are both on the Bad River Ojibwa roll, and they and their families became very much a part of the Ojibwa community, both in Michigan and North Dakota. Among the many cultural activities Daniel was active in were the drumming ceremonies, which he loved. He was an accomplished musician and composer, played an array of instruments, and was in several local bands, most recently Crashing Cairo.

Daniel took a very active role in the Ojibwa Sun Dance held each year in northern Michigan. He was a dancer and took part in everything connected with the ceremonies. He made a beautiful 24-inch drum that will be used at each Sun Dance in the coming years. He was asked to be a co-leader for the 2008 ceremonies, which would have made him part of the ninth successive generation of leaders in his ancestry.

Along with being a devoted husband, loving father, son, brother, and friend, Daniel was a highly respected technician, responsible for hundreds of computers and other technical equipment for the South Redford, Michigan school district.

At the news of Deweigan Manidoo's death the Ojibwa community in North Dakota started a ceremonial fire that was kept burning on Turtle Mountain by Charlie Two Bears for four days. During this time, family and friends were able to pay their respects, while a traditional-as-possible ceremony was held. He touched many hearts, and more than 600 people attended over the three days of Ojibwa services.

Through Gift of Life, Daniel's body was

donated to help others. His eyes, bones, and skin were put to use to give 65 other people a better life.

On October 20, 2007, our beloved Daniel, Deweigan Manidoo, was cremated. In lieu of memorials, prayers for the family would be greatly appreciated.

#### Michael Lewis Brooks Sr.

Michael Lewis Brooks Sr. was born on May 7, 1950 in Electra, Texas, and he passed away on November 6, 2008 in Burien, Washington after a courageous battle with cancer while surrounded by loving family. He was taken from us after 58 years of love and dedication to God, his family, and his friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Cloyce Augustus, and his grandson, Jordan Andrew. He is survived by his loving wife Jeanie; mother Bettie; sisters Diana, Paula, Connie, Melinda, Nita, and Trina; children Michel, Michelle, Bonnie, and Jennifer; grandchildren, Jared, Chelsea, Bailey, Tyler, Cameron, Savannah, Cody, Caden, and Max; and many more family and friends.

Michael was the kind of man who lived

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*Citizen Potawatomi Nation member AnnMarie Cobb/Wabsetoset writes about Chairman John Barrett and federal government efforts to make Indians and tribal governments go away:*

A small group of tribal members saw what was happening and worked for 26 years to change that. John 'Rocky' Barrett was one of them. He met with resistance not only from the U.S. government for mucking up their plan to cause the extinction of our people and our culture, but also by some of his own people who thought that losing a penny of their U.S. government payment to invest in future generations was a waste of money.



Has it been a waste? Not for me or those I know in the Potawatomi community. If any of you or your families has been able to use any of programs that have ever been offered by the tribe under this administration, you know that reinvestment has not been a waste. Scholarships, housing, glasses, dentures, prescription drugs are just some of the programs with dollar amounts attached to them that my family has been able to take advantage of by being tribal members.

That sure adds up to more than any per capita payment, and will be there for all of us in years to come as our tribal growth continues. Those programs and more are there for every tribal member if they ask for it.

Additionally, there are programs that have no dollar value associated with them but are at least as important. The cultural and language programs available online to everyone. They are provided to us as members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, but they are not free to the Nation.

Looking after ours and those to follow, that is the climate that John 'Rocky' Barrett and his administration have promoted and invested themselves in for what will undoubtedly be called the most successful time in Potawatomi Nation History.

Migwetch, AnnMarie Cobb

*AnnMarie Cobb Wabsetoset*

**Vote for Chairman  
John 'Rocky' Barrett**

## Newly-Enrolled Potawatomis

We honor the latest 500-plus Citizen Potawatomi Nation enrollees through this public display of their names. These new CPN members have enrolled in 2008 and the first quarter of 2009. Their names are in alphabetical order, according to surname.

Jennifer Lynn Abbott; Skyler Kinsey Acre; Malachi Dean Alfrey; Ryan Shiraz Ali; Regan Coryn Alleman; Lillian Emma Allen; Kevin Ryan Anderson; Jennifer Renae Anderson; Chloey Rae Armstrong; Chloey Rae Armstrong; Jolie Renee' Arrasmith; Donald Ray Asher III; Aubree Rose Baker; Braydon Lee Baker; Kenedy Merie Baker-Sams; Brody Ryder Baptiste; Brett Montgomery Baptiste; Ti Snow Barber; Kyla Rayne Barrett; Shayla Jo Barry; Adam Jay Becker; Braden William Becker; Collin Andrew Becker; Casey Lynn Benoit; Casey Lynn Benoit; Zoey Jane Biagi; Eric Duane Bibb; Micheal Lee Bibb; Tyler Matthew Bishop; Desiree Michelle Bitton; Katlyn Renee Black; Codye Brandon Black Jr.; Brett Conner Blain; Joshua Wayne Bohanon; Joseph Aaron Booth; Corbin James Bourbonnais; Joshua James Bourbonnais Jr.; Jerry Dwayne Boyd; Jackson David Boyd; Abby Marie Bradford; Lolita Leslie Bradford; Lolita Leslie Bradford; Jeremy Scott Bradley; Sky-Leigh Reese Bramlage; Kaden Tank Bramlage; Jay Davis Brandon; Samantha Jean Brands; Baylee Marie Brands; Gessica Ann Brasel; Michael Carl Bratley; Amanda Belen Bratley; Jenna Loren Bratley; Alexia Morgan Bridges; Erika Nicole Bridges; Kyle Anthony Bridges; Ashley Dawn Briggs; Gabriel Paul Robert Brousses; Ann Kennedy Brown; Peyton James Brown; Mia Marie Brown; Alexis Marie Bruno; Erica Jean Burbridge; Samantha Paige Burbridge; Jessica Rose Burbridge; Johnathon Michael Burleson; Julie Suzanne Burnett; and Bobbie Jo Butler.

Also, Damian Marcus Cabaniss; Dominick Austin Cabaniss; Kristen Nicole Cagle; Lisa Gail Campbell; Sarah Jane Campbell; Nathan Douglas Campbell; Taylor Michael Canter; Joshua Alexander Canterbury; Nevaeh Ma'Ray Carey; Jennifer Marie Cargill; Jessica Nicole Cargill; Daizie Faye Carpenter; Leesa Dey Carpenter; Mason James Carter; Baily Lee Case; Ryan Jeffrey Casillo; Alexander Tate Casillo; Jessica Lynn Caulk; Niki Nicole

Cearley; Jamin Allen Cearley; Trapper James Cearley; Angela Denise Chancellor; Cody Michael Chancellor; Matthew David Chancellor; Angela Denise Chancellor; Shelly Marie Chandler; Simon Elie Chandler; Brandon Gerald Child; Robert Henry Christensen II; Wayne Allen Claar; Christopher Robert Claar; Shawna Marie Claar-Hefel; Alex Bardwell Clark; Nathan Ray Clark; Wyatt Lynn Cloud; Lane Wade Cloud; Laurel Kritkauskus Coburn; Bjorn Gustave Kritkauskus Coburn; Brittanie Raquel Cockrell; Henry Lowden Coffin; Axel Davian Colburn; Eli Jackson Cole; Jacqueline Marguerite Cole; Gabriel Mikhail Cole; Caroline Dawn Cole; Dylan Elijah Cole; Isaiah Lynn Cole; Taylor Lynn Collins; Cayden Ray Collins; Donti Wayne Compton; Melody Rene Copes; Randall Wade Copes; Robert William Copes; Melody Rene Copes; Randall Wade Copes; Robert William Copes; Parker Ryan Cortina; Charlie Shayne Cortina; Greyson Joseph Cox; Alexia Nicole Coykendall; Gabriel Leon Creswell; Rena Ann Croppi; Adam James Crump; Mallory Kay Cuellar; Christina Rochelle Curley; Jonathan Quin Curley; Jessica Marjorie Curley; Cinda Renee Dailey; Scott Allen Davis; McKenna Elizabeth Davis; Gracelynn Hannah Deadwiley; Ethan Paul Deadwiley; Jillian Ann Dean; Joshua Ray Dean; Amanda Lynn Derge; Cassandra Jo DeVader; Danielle Nicole DeVader; Joseph Clifton DeVader; Grace Alexander DeVader; Jessica Marie Dolan; Ryan Patrick Dulany; Alyssa Michelle Dulany; Matthew James Dulany; Madison Ryleigh Duncan; Rylan James Nathaniel Dutton; and Hayden Charles Thomas Dutton.

Also, Carmyn Marie Elkins; Gabrielle Isabella Elkins; Lincoln Scott Elkins; Noah James Ellyson; Lyfe Elizabeth Engelhart; Jordan Daniel Enno; Dalton Dade Etheridge; Erin Elizabeth Evans; Katelyn Renee Evans; Maelyn Elaine Evans; Terri Lynn Evans; April Cheri Evans; Lauren Alyse Evans; Payton Owen Fallis; Anthony James Fauci; Daniel Lee Faulkner; Jonathan Daniel Faulkner; Joshua David Faulkner; James Andrew Faulkner; Katelin Paige Fawcett; Micheal Anthony Fee; Abram James Michael Ferguson; Avrey D. Paul Ferguson; Alexis Raye Tara Jo Ferguson; Richard Nathaniel Ferrell; Dominic Thomas Ferrell; Katherine Lucille Ferrell; Hanna Lee

Fetters; Thomas Sidney Russell Finch; Eric Eugene Ford; Tammy Rena Ford; Victoria Marie Ford; Justin Thomas Foster; Seth Wallace Foster; Sophie Eliza Foster; Savannah Kay-Renee Foster; Sarah Elizabeth Fowler; Nicholas James Fox; Ashley Nicole Francis; Chase Clayton Francis; William Connor Francis; Kealiimaikalani Thomas Frank; Kalenamakamaikalani Randee Frank; Laura Roxann Frank; Nainoamaikalani Joshua Frank; and Emma Leigh Fulton.

Also, Jacey Kim Gaddy; Cora Kathleen Garcia; Mitchell Avery Garner; Michelle Marie Garrett; Amelia Luciana Garrett; Savannah Grace Gaylord; Jesse Johnathan Gibson; James Philip Glover; Rhiana Lisette Gomez; Zachary Jacob Gonzalez; Abigail Grace Gorman; Alison Faith Gorman; Peyton Elizabeth Green; Hayley Renee Greeson; Carl Westfall Greeson; Peyton Blaine Gregg; Don Eugene Grider; Hope Marie Grove; John Denver Guess; Ashton Bri Guinn; Dallas Rae Haas; Jace Michael Haines; Jace Michael Haines; Kenneth Wallace Hand; Bryce Gene

Hansen; Jane Elizabeth Hardin; Kelli Marie Francesa Harper; Maile Grace Harty; David Kawena Harty; Tammie Kay Haslam; Hunter Ivan Hatler; Kayla Marie Hatler; Ava Mattingly Hearn; Aspen Diane Hein; Ella Kate Helms; Madison Wren Hemenway; Tyler Kevin Henderson; Kaydence Cheyennem Hennigh; Kaydence Cheyennem Hennigh; Alicia Lynn Henson; Ismael Vicente Hernandez; Michelle Lea Hey; Madison Elizabeth Hinkle; Samuel Lewis Hinkle; Jordan James Hix; Bill Edmond Hobia III; Riley James Hodgson; Stefan Hoffman; Sebastian Hoffman; Ava Catherine Holland; Ava Catherine Holland; Morris Luther Holloway Jr.; Nathan Lawson Hopper; Autumn Lea Huff; Jason Lee Hull; and Christopher Lee Hull.

Also, Ryleigh Elizabeth Ivy; Deforrest Kewsi Jackson; Chloe Danielle Johnson; Rachel Lynn Johnson; Brianna Elyse Johnson; Devon Emanuel Johnson; Briley Marie Johnson; Kynize Lee Johnson; Christopher Michael Johnson; Dustin Sie

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### I BELIEVE IN OUR FUTURE.

For generations my family has been working for our future. My great-great grandfather, John Charles Anderson Sr. was one of the original families to start the Oklahoma reservation. He also served on one of the first business committees.

My 20-plus years of military service to our country and 15 years at Boeing Aircraft Co. have prepared me to take on the important role of representing you. I am ready and have the time and energy to help manage our tribal affairs.

Through this position I will assist and encourage our tribal members to value our heritage and learn our language and the ceremonies that our elders so loved. At the present time I am taking language lessons and learning the ceremonies, so dear to our fathers before us.

**AS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE I WILL LEAD YOU INTO THE FUTURE FOR THE GOOD OF OUR TRIBE AND ITS PEOPLE. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ME AND WHAT I THINK, GO TO THIS WEB SITE.**  
<http://www.edwardanderson.org/memory.html>.

**I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE.**

**MIGWECH**

**WILLIAM EDWARD ANDERSON/NAHMANKWET (LEAD CLOUD)**

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## Potawatomi Language

Have you always wanted to learn to speak the Potawatomi language but never had the time? Here's your chance!

Starting on Monday, April 6th, a new beginner's class will meet every Monday and Wednesday from 5:10 to 5:40 p.m. in the South Reunion Hall on the Pow Wow grounds. Please call now to reserve your seat; space is limited.

Within this class, you will not only learn your language but also a deeper understanding of your history, traditions, and cosmology. You will leave with a renewed sense of pride in being Potawatomi.

This class is open to all age groups.

Call today to reserve your seat - 405-275-3121, ext 1329.

### Some words for insects, birds, and spring time.

Oje - fly  
Skeme - mosquito  
Mose - worm  
Wemkwoyane - caterpillar  
Okwe - maggot  
Memegwe - butterfly some also say Memeki  
Gwakwade - grasshopper  
Ezgak - tick  
Wawtes - firefly

Kojis - lice (head lice)  
Engenos or wangenos - ant  
Espike - spider  
Mzezak - horse fly  
Amo - bee  
Jijikwesi - cricket



## RE-ELECT ADAME

It seems just like yesterday that I was sworn in as your 4th district representative from Kansas. In this time I have learned many things about our government, culture, and Citizens. I have met many of you in this short time at our pow wow, flu clinic, my office, and naming ceremonies. But my work is just beginning.

In comparison to our long history as a tribe, my one year in office has been brief but filled with growth. I have listened to Citizens and know their major concern is passing their heritage to the next generation. That is why I have been active in establishing cultural events in Rossville.

At every activity I have been building on the e-mail list I attained from CPN. Through this media I have been able to reach many of you to listen to your concerns or notify you of something as little as making campground reservations for the Festival in Shawnee. It is communication that has brought us together as a district.

When re-elected, I will continue to work to ensure that Citizens in business are notified and given an opportunity to be included in the bidding process. I will continue to expand on the cultural classes I have established. I will continue to build a network of contacts of resources for education, and continue to work hard to make sure our funds are spent wisely.

As a native Kansan and an eighth-generation leader from the Navarre family, I look forward to our continued progress as a district and a Nation.

*Theresa Adame*

**Re-Elect Theresa Adame, Representative, District #4**

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## CPN Veterans Endorse Chairman Barrett for Re-Election



At their February meeting, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization members unanimously endorsed Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett in his bid for re-election. Veterans Organization Commander Keith Cagle said Chairman Barrett earned the endorsement "through his vision for the tribe's progress, his tireless work to make that vision happen, and his unqualified support for CPN veterans."

Shown with Chairman Barrett and Commander Cagle are these proud CPN veterans (left to right): Michael Kennedy, John Barnes, James Anderson, Terry Peltier, Bob Smith, Jerry Powell, Kenneth Peltier, Michael Abel, Darrell Talbot, Don Anderson, Bill Wano, Clyde Yates, David Barrett, Herbert Holton, Charles Anderson, and Pat Patterson.

### Attention CPN Artists

**The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Art Contest for 2009 has been expanded to include the opportunity to enter via photograph of your artwork.**

Adults (artists who are 15 and older) can enter by bringing their artwork to Family Reunion Festival or by mailing or e-mailing photographs of their artwork to Art Contest, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 or MDodson@Potawatomi.org.

Adults who bring their artwork to Festival will compete for prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 for First, Second, and Third places. Artists who enter via photograph will compete for prizes of \$150, \$100, or \$50.

There will be two entry categories for Adult artists: 1) Paintings, Sketches, and Portraits and 2) All Other Media.

Younger CPN artists will compete in three age categories: five through eight, nine through 12, and 13 through 16. Fifteen- and 16-year-old artists can choose whether to enter the Youth Contest or the Adult Contest. The Youth Art Contest will feature categories for both 1) Paintings, Sketches, and Portraits and 2) All Other Media.

Youth artists will compete for gift cards redeemable at CPN enterprises. The deadline for entry via photograph is 12:00 Midnight on May 31, 2009.



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Jones; Lydia Grace Jones; Makenzie Grace Jones; Samuel Thomas Kelly; Ericka Patricia Kelly; Roy Oliver Kelly IV; Caroline Elizabeth Kemp; Katherine Taylor Kemp; John Taylor Kemp; Ashley Nicole Kennedy; Jesse Kaleb Keys; Allie Lyn Keys; Ryton Lane Kinnamon; Melissa Victoria Lambert; Brian Tyler Lambert; Zachary Dylan Lambert; Erin Coshell Lantz; Victoria Paige Lantz; Hunter Gage Larson; Lili Shalynn Larson; Kate Olivia Lawerance; Paul Michael Lawless; Kathleen Lynne Lawless; Emily Anne Lawless; Mark Christopher Lawless; Paul James Lawless Jr.; Jasmine Rain Lee; Adrion Taylor Miami Lewis; Lindsey Rey Lightner; Chase Lance Lincoln; BreAnne Jeannette Long; Jamie Michelle Longo; Lili Reece Lowden; Jamie Lynn Luce; and Samuel Ryan Lucero.

Also, Ariana Marie Mack-Espana; Sophia Ann Mack-Espana; Lisette Nicole Mack-Garcia; Andrew Patrick Markland; Alexander Jay Markland; David Warren Mars; Michael John Marshall; Matthew James Marshall; Rachel Diane Matos; Caylen Christine McGirt; Kerri Ann McHenry; Kyle Ashton McHenry; Harp Makayla McKenzie; Adeline Wasjuwehn McKinney; Kelsey Lee McKinney; Breea Raquel McManus; Corey Michael Shane McNaney; Kimberley Jean McNicholas; Ashley Ann McNicholas; Jasmine Elizabeth Medeiros; Samuel Austin Melot; Kelly Anne Mesaros; Mitchell William Mesaros; William Roland Mesaros; Madison Nadine Meuffels; Randall Eugene Michael; Cade Justin Miller; Justice Clay Miller; Catherine Diane Mills; Gloria Ann Mitchell; Nicholas Dean Mitchell; Ryan Lee Mitchell; Cate Ashlynn Mize; David Paul Moats II; Chloe Ann Minette Moore; Hannah Amber Moore; Beau Austin Moran; Coby Dane Moran; Joe Dee Morse; David Scott Moss; Waylon James Grant Moutaw; Krystal Renee Muniz; Daniel Marcus Muniz; Na'Quan Marcelleous Anthony Netter; Shaylene Nicole Neuman; Tiffany Niccole Newman; Jaxon Doyle Nobles; Haley Kay Nocktonick; Daryk Anthony Nunn; Jodi Belle Nunn; and Dustin Tary Nunn.

Also, Patrick Cody Daniel O'Brien; Charline Amanda O'Brien; Tammi Lynn O'Brien; Dagan Denzel Oliver; Braidly Peter Overgaauf; Christian Jacob Owen; Zoey McKae Owen; Kiana Tiarre Pante; Monique Tatyana Pante; Aidan Jimmy Parham; Luke Dennis Parmer; Zane

Joseph Payton; Abby Jo Pearl; Dylan Michael Pearl; Kelsey Marie Pearl; Troy Jason Pearl; Carolyn Marie Pelt; Caron Anthony Pendley; Indigo Orion Perez; Kaylee Ann Perkins; Anthony Dwight Perry; Heather Lynn Perry; Richard Lane Peters; Richard Brody Peterson; Ashley Jean Peterson; Dominic Andre Philips-Ramirez; Patricia LeAnn Pierson; Christopher Wayne Porter; Dustin Lee Porter; Melissa Dawn Porter; Donald Lindell Potter; Nicole Allyson Potter; Cassandra Lynne Potter; Kathryn Marie Powell; Jacob Wade Pradmore; Joel Monroe Queen; Brittany Dawn Raine; William Tate Rector; Landon Mitchell Reed; Carissa Nicole Reep; Karlie Elizabeth Reep; Kelsie Marie Reep; Stephanie Marie Regis; Angel Maria Rhodd; Thomas Anthony Rhodd; Maddox Slade Rone; Alicia Ann Rusthoven; Justin Lewis Rusthoven; Cole Alexander Rystedt; and Connor Ray Rystedt.

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## We Shall Remain

Citizen Potawatomi Nation members are reminded that a PBS "American Experience" television program for which Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett was interviewed will be broadcast over five consecutive Monday evenings in April and May. WE SHALL REMAIN, a five-part series, will air at 8:30 p.m. Central Time on most PBS stations on Mondays, April 13, 20, and 27 and May 4 and 11. Some stations might air the series at other times; check your local listings.

WE SHALL REMAIN has five 90-minute segments, each a separate documentary in its own right. They are titled: "After the Mayflower," Tecumseh's Vision," "Trail of Tears," "Geronimo," and "Wounded Knee."

These films tell the story of the major touchstones in Indians' interaction with first European immigrants then the American government.

WGBH-TV has erected a content-rich Web site to share materials that could not be included in the 450 minutes of air time

that ...REMAIN commands. It is there that one will find a five-minute original production about the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's entrepreneurial history and accomplishments.

The URL for that video production is [www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/native\\_now/enterprise\\_spotlight](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/native_now/enterprise_spotlight). The series' Web site is at [www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/).

Its Web site describes WE SHALL REMAIN in these terms: "At the heart of the project is a five-part television series that shows how Native people valiantly resisted expulsion their lands and fought the extinction of their culture – from the Wampanoags of New England in the 1600s, who used their alliance with the English to weaken rival tribes, to the bold new leaders of the 1970s who harnessed the momentum of the civil rights movement to forge a pan-Indian identity.

"WE SHALL REMAIN presents an unprecedented collaboration between Native and non-Native filmmakers and involves Native advisors and scholars."

## A Voice From the Past

by Beverly I. Hughes

Bozho, fellow CPN members,

As a former elected Business Committee member (Secretary/Treasurer), I, Beverly Hughes, enthusiastically endorse the re-election of John 'Rocky' Barrett as Tribal Chairman. I served our tribe in the past along with Rocky for many years before he became Chairman. I believe now, as I did then, that this man strives to achieve the best possible assets for the CPN people as a whole.

His desire has always been to lead our tribe to heights even greater than we experience now. I have known Rocky for nearly forty years and have never found him to be anything but honest, dependable, and dedicated to his position as our leader. He has continually developed programs that serve our people no matter where they may live. His devoted leadership has continually produced progressive actions creating valuable assets for all tribal members. He has proven this in the past and will continue to do so in the future. I encourage you all to vote, either in person or by absentee ballot.

I cannot understand why a few members think we need change. Why change **ANYTHING** when **EVERYTHING** is going so well? Our tribe is more prosperous than ever before! I support John 'Rocky' Barrett 110% and am very proud of our leaders and their accomplishments. Our current Chairman has shown lifelong commitment, determination, dedication, and decision-making that have always enhanced our benefits.

I do miss seeing you all on a regular basis. If I can be of further assistance, you may call me at 405-273-3125. If I don't have the answer, I'll find it for you. Please cast your vote for John 'Rocky' Barrett for another term of growth and prosperity. We and our children's future depend on it! God bless you all. I hope to see you at the Festival.

Megwetch,

*Beverly I. Hughes*

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## Patrick Shannon CPN Representative, District #8

I feel that the representation of the Northwest deserves time and commitment from somebody who can carry on the like-mindedness of my grandmother, Jacqueline Taylor.

I believe my background in public service would be beneficial to our district - advocating for the welfare of our elders, investing in our future leaders through education, and honoring the history of our heritage. The recent change in our government enables the chance for all of our voices to be heard. I would proudly serve my fellow members with an open ear and mind. Please vote Patrick Shannon for District #8.

For more information on the internet, please go to [myspace.com/patrickfordistrict8](http://myspace.com/patrickfordistrict8).

## Vote Shannon, District #8

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video featuring Gary Bourbonnais, election committee chairman, can be viewed at [www.potawatomi.org/News/799.aspx](http://www.potawatomi.org/News/799.aspx). It explains the Absentee Voting process step-by-step.

On another front, more than 200 CPN members have expressed interest in the Tribal Savings Certificate investment opportunity the Nation announced recently. Chairman John Barrett continues working with attorneys and federal authorities to finalize the program and distribute applications to members who are seeking a way to earn a better return on their investments as the U.S. economy falters.

In his column (on page 22), Chairman Barrett explains that he is now exploring opportunities to enhance the TSC program that appear to be available in President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package. The Chairman says, "There is new and exciting news that can have a positive impact on our Tribal Savings Certificates. The Obama Administration has announced a Tribal Economic Development, or TED,

Bond. This is a \$2 billion reservation for 2009 that can be the basis for our Savings Certificates if the rules allow private placement. This bond has a feature in which a portion of the interest rate, 35%, is rebated to the Tribe. If we can get this rebate, we will be able to offer a higher rate of interest."

Tribal members who would like to receive TSC application can call Kristi Coker, Community Development Corporation director, at 800-880-9880 or e-mail her at [KCoker@Potawatomi.org](mailto:KCoker@Potawatomi.org).

Finally, with Spring here, CPN employees are busily preparing to welcome 4,000 to 5,000 tribal members to Shawnee for Family Reunion Festival on June 26, 27, and 28. The physical layout and facilities available at Raymond Peltier Park and its surroundings will feature some significant changes and additions, which will be unveiled in detail later.

The 2009 honored families will be Acton, Bergeron, Curley, Delonais, Greemore, Levier, Negahnquet, Pambogo.



## JON BOURSAY

(Bourassa/Ogee)

Candidate for District #4 Legislative Representative

9 years experience in senior positions in Native American Governments.

-Retired in Nov. 2008 after 2½ years as Director of the CPN Cultural Heritage Center.

-Served 6½ years as Executive Director for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.



Retired Colonel in the US Air Force - Served on active duty for 24½ years

Initial Objectives if selected to be your representative: Increased exposure and availability in Rossville Office and other locations in Kansas; such as Wichita, Kansas City area, and western Kansas. Develop programs and events to broaden understanding of the CPN culture, traditions and history, particularly the early history of the tribal presence in Kansas. It is important that these activities create an interest in the younger generations of the CPN families in Kansas.

Activities as a Tribal member: I've been a member of CPN Color Guard since 2000. I've attended eight Potawatomi Gatherings since 2000. I've regularly attended the CPN Family Reunion Festivals since the late 1990s. I participated in the 2008 Citizen Potawatomi Trail of Death Caravan traveling from Twin Lakes, Indiana to Sugar Creek, Linn County, Kansas.

I will strongly support the Nation's objectives to provide reasonable and affordable services and benefits to its members, while continuing to seek new opportunities to expand existing benefits for its members. See [www.jon4dist4.com](http://www.jon4dist4.com).

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CPN CHAIRMAN  
JOHN 'ROCKY' BARRETT  
MAKING SURE CHANGE MEANS PROGRESS.**

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*In another example of its assistance to the communities in which it has a significant presence, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has donated a tribal police patrol car to the Rossville, Kansas Police Department. Receiving the keys from Chairman John Barrett is Officer Bill Wright of the Rossville PD. In the background are several dozen CPN members who were attending the Tribal Area Gathering in Rossville on March 14.*

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- ✓ Tribal casinos profits with Council referendum vote on spending?
- ✓ CPN bank(s) profit spending by a vote of the Council Members?
- ✓ Income production from the stored Bowling Lanes Equipment?
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## Potawatomi Cornerstone: The Cultural History Center

by Charles Clark

My apologies for the terseness of my article. We have had a busy month completing the scholarships for the Spring 2009 semester, and I have had very little time to sit down and write my usual column. Speaking of scholarships, as of this time Tribal Rolls has received 1,048 applications. About 90% of the applicants have been awarded and, by now, should have been notified of their awards.

Remember, the sooner you send in your paperwork, the earlier your check is mailed. I have decided not to post the names of award recipients on our Web site because the checks are going out much earlier and in spurts. In the past, it was easier to transfer the information from an Excel file when the scholarship committee was in charge. But now, it is not feasible.

I also want to remind the scholarship applicants that summer will be upon us soon, so start sending those summer applications in now.

This month, I want to share with you what the Cultural Heritage Center means

to me. Though it is not an enterprise, it is a very important asset to our Potawatomi community. I feel compelled to set a few things straight as to its origin.

Potawatomi culture suggests that, during the time of the seventh fire, the broken pieces of our history would be gathered up and reclaimed by our people. I believe that this prophecy is happening now with the aid of the Citizen Potawatomi Cultural History Center, made possible by the vision of Chairman John Barrett.

What started as a revelation thousands of years ago has only really manifested itself in the last couple of years, becoming not just a unique structure on our Reserve, but also a means of encouragement for all tribal members to share and participate in that vision of our ancestors.

How our history is to be used is completely up to us. For me, that vision represents not only reclaiming the knowledge of the past, but also using it today, as a means for all of us to reconnect – together. Our ancestors would have wanted it this way, Chairman Barrett saw this, and now is the

time to reclaim that past in the present for the future.

The need for a cultural center had been with us for a long time. When the old Long Room and Museum/Police station had served their purpose, Chairman Barrett seized the opportunity to build such a place on that spot.

Chairman Barrett put together a committee to begin that dream. The board consisted of the Chairman, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Lisa Kraft, Bob Trousdale, Leslie Deer, Rhonda Butcher, and me.

The ideas and dreams that came from that group grew into designs, concepts, and most important, a new department – the Tribal Heritage Project.

Bob Trousdale was chosen to guide the THP. His enthusiasm not only got the mission off to an energetic start, his demeanor gave it that necessary spark that the project needed – personalization. In addition, his approach is clearly seen in the Family DVDs that he produced and put together. For me, Bob is the father figure of this Department and will always be.

### Wabaunsee County, Kansas Sesquicentennial Celebration

Officials and residents of Wabaunsee County, Kansas are planning the area's Sesquicentennial Celebration. The date will be June 6, 2009.

CPN Legislator Theresa Adame and CPN member Betty Semeca have joined the committee making plans for the event. Rep. Adame is a descendent of Chief Wabaunsee.

Adame is requesting involvement by interested CPN members and has invited Chief Wabaunsee's descendants to provide ideas and to attend the event.

Anyone wanting to suggest activities or to obtain more information can contact Rep. Adame by telephone at 785-584-6822 or by e-mail at TAdame@Potawatomi.org.

Organizers plan to bring Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation members into the celebration because of Wabaunsee descendants within the PBPB.

### Vote for Dave Carney - District 8

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I ask for your vote and promise you a knowledgeable, energetic, hard working and ethical representative. Migwetch!

- \* Potawatomi Name - Kagakshi (Raven)
- \* Devoted husband - Father of 4 CPN members
- \* 20 years of successful upper management business experience
- \* 5 years of non-profit management experience
- \* Active in the community
- \* Officer of local church council
- \* Lived and worked in 2 of the District 8 states
- \* I am dedicated to the continued growth and success of our Nation. I support Chairman Barrett's vision and his track record of enterprise, cultural rejuvenation, and investment in our Elders' financial health and our Children's education.

For more info, please visit  
**Dave-Carney.com**





# ELDER OF THE MONTH: William Nadeau



by Sheila Hughes

William Albert 'Bill' Nadeau is the *HowNiKan*'s initial Elder of the Month, an honor we will extend in each edition. He was born in 1920 and his mother, Lillian Nadeau Carson was kept at the hospital for constant medical care because of a brain tumor. Her parents, Sarah and Joseph Nadeau, took young William in as their own.

Mr. Nadeau's father was a farmer, finding work as he could as a ranch or farm hand. As Bill said, "My mother was sick,

and my dad had to earn a living, so my grandparents took me in. I never even met my father until I was 18 years old." As with many Potawatomis, his bloodline stems from three branches of our family tree: Nadeau, Plomondon, and Bourbonnais.

When asked how being a Native American affected his life growing up, he said, "I was light-skinned, so no one knew I was an Indian until they started giving money to the schools. Then they began counting us." Mr. Nadeau attended and graduated

from Harjo schools, and recalls, "We had a neighbor that would pick five or six of us up in an old Ford so we didn't have to walk."

When asked about extracurricular activities, he said, "I did a little fishing, but had to work on the farm. I ran a cotton hoe and we raised all our own food, so it was a full-time job. We only got one-half a day off, on the Fourth of July! But, we were lucky because we always had plenty to eat."

Shortly after graduating, he and a friend tried to enlist in the Navy. However, because of certain medical conditions, they were turned away. "We decided to go home and wait for 'the call,'" he said. Not long after, he was called to duty.

Drafted in November 1942, he began basic training in Lawton, Oklahoma. From there, he went to Wichita Falls, Texas to a maintenance school to become a mechanic. In January 1943, just shy of a year after World War II had begun, Bill was transferred to Salt Lake City, Utah for more intensive training - preparation for active combat.

"We left from San Francisco Bay and I saw the Golden Gate Bridge," Nadeau recalled. He remembered leaving American soil to sail the Philippine Islands, and on to Okinawa in 1944. "It was our job to repair and check the engines of the B-24 bombers. We worked all day and night keeping the planes coming and going. Sometimes we had to get parts from salvaged planes or 'the graveyard' as we called it. I was in the 22nd bomb group, 2nd squadron, responsible for six to eight bombers, constantly in and out for repairs and inspection before going back out again - three years, 365 days a year, and not one day of R &R."

America is proud of his service to our country, and he has earned and achieved stature we should all admire. It is men like Bill Nadeau who have earned us the freedoms we sometimes take for granted, putting their lives on the line for this country and for all of us.

Mr. Nadeau recalled: "One day we worked all day unloading trucks and we were quite worn out, so we got buckets and gave one another a bath. Well, here come the Japanese, dropping bombs right in line with our tent. We knew we had to scatter, and I found a dark spot I thought was



cover. I stayed there all night. Well, I found out when the sun came up, I was just standing in a shadow! No hole at all."

Laughing, he added, "Six of us got down and dug a hole, big enough for us to stand in. We were really throwin' that dirt! You see, the Japanese were bringing in personnel bombs, so we had to get underground to avoid the shrapnel. That stuff would mow down the ground just like a lawn mower. If ya wasn't underground, ya wasn't gonna make it, and I intended to come home!"

He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant, and had earned Technical Sergeant status. However, because he chose not to re-enlist, "They just threw it in the trash can." He left Okinawa on December 20, 1945 with an honorable discharge. He arrived at San Francisco Bay on Christmas Day, ending three years of exemplary service, truly a fine representative of the Potawatomi Tribe in the war effort. His daughter, Janene Graver, was active in the U.S. Army as a medical supply sergeant from 1986 to 1990 and continued her military service in the reserves until 1994.

Upon his return from the war, Mr. Nadeau went back to the farm. "I was driving the milk truck with my uncle, and he told me about a gal who lived on the hill who would make me a good hand. He 'double-dawg dared' me to ask her to dinner. Well, I couldn't turn down a dare. When she said yes, I was so scared I ran like the dickens!"

Dorothy Faye Gates was her name, and they were married in 1948. They had three children; Janene, Elaine, and Bryan. On December 26, 1969, a tragic house fire took the life of his beloved wife and moth-

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as he wanted and did that until his final days before entering the hospital. Many knew that they could call on him and he would drop everything to help another. He was full of wit and personality as well as a loyal spirit and kind heart. He worked hard and played hard and made the most of every situation he came upon. He never dwelled on the negative but praised the positive then led in example.

Michael enjoyed a good game of football, Notre Dame or the Cowboys of course. Or baseball; the Yankees could count on him as a dedicated fan. A round of golf from time to time and occasionally

fishing for salmon or trout. He also enjoyed lounging around the house in his sweats on a weekend and occasionally would throw on a plaid shirt to head out.

To many friends, he was like a dad; they called him 'Pops.' To the children, he was known as 'Papa.' He knew how to have a good time and he had quite the dance moves as well. If you were lucky, you could see him do the splits in his younger days.

Michael loved his family and friends. He made a deep impression on so many of our lives that will continue to live within all of us. He was a great man, son, father, husband, and friend.

#### Jean Marilyn Alexander

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Former Shawnee, Oklahoma resident Jean Marilyn Alexander, a 50-year California resident, passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the age of 72. She was born October 19, 1936, in Shawnee to Julius W. Horbach and Imogene DeGraff.

She was a graduate of St. Benedict Catholic School in Shawnee. She was married to Frederick T. Alexander for 48 years. She was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She worked as office manager for Matz Rubber Company for 25 years before she retired.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Judith H. O'Connor, and her brothers, Jerome L. Horbach and William R. Horbach.

To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herbert Holton at 405-598-2530 or e-mail him at herb39h@valornet.com. To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Honor Guard, contact Mike Kennedy at KRiverRat70@windstream.net.



Survivors include her daughters, Melissa S. Alexander of Pacifica, California and Christina R. Ferris of Hampton, Virginia; her brother, Theodore Horbach, of Apple Valley, California; and two grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her friends and family.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at Joshua Tree Memorial Park.

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Nation's people will have  
confidence in their  
future.

May we all have a long and pleasant walk filled with memories of being Potawatomi.

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er of his children. "Just had to double up and make it the best way we could. I was a single dad with two kids still at home. We made do with help from family and friends," Mr. Nadeau said.

"I drove cattle, pumped wells, baled hay, and drove a school bus for Harjo schools for 14 years. I started work at Tinker Air Force Base in 1968, rebuilding aircraft parts." His tenure at Tinker lasted 15 years, as he retired in 1983. While working at Tinker, Bill Nadeau met Evelyn Meyers. They were married in 1971. They had been together for 36 years when she walked on in 2007.

After leaving Tinker, Mr. Nadeau returned to farming: "Times had changed, prices had changed. I decided it cost too much to farm," he explained. It has been more than 20 years since he retired from farming as well.

Currently, Bill Nadeau lives west of Tecumseh and just: "keeps up the property, mowing and raking." He is involved in Title VI Elderly Feeding Program activities as well as being an active member of the American Legion. Rumor has it that he makes quite the dance partner!

This esteemed Potawatomi Elder has worked hard all his life for his family and country, and it has been a great pleasure to put his life's story into print. He is a kind man with a gentle spirit who is loved and respected by so many. Never does he fail to bring a smile to the faces of those he encounters.

Mr. Bill Nadeau has earned his place as a veteran on the 'wall of honor' at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center, and has earned a special place in the hearts of all the lives his path has crossed. I, for one, am proud to call him 'family'.

(Editor's note: The Elder of the Month is a co-operative effort between the CPN Title VI (Elders) Program and the HowNiKan to honor the Nation's wisest members. If you would like to nominate someone for the honor, from anywhere in the U.S. or abroad, send his/her name and supporting information to Michael Dodson at 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 or via e-mail to MDodson@Potawatomi.org.)

**Vote!**  
It's your voice  
in CPN Democracy!!





by *Cindy Stewart*

The CPN Cultural Heritage Center is busy gearing up for Family Festival 2009. We are updating the display cases in the museum with new Founding Family items in conjunction with the festival. We are also working on setting up the Bourbannais Cabin with artifacts on loan to us by direct descendants of Mary Anderson Bourbannais. Our goal is to achieve the appearance of the original home. Mary Anderson Bourbonnais' wedding dress will soon be displayed in its new case along with other women's regalia.

There will soon be 35 new veterans'

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pictures added to the Veterans' Wall of Honor. If you have not submitted your veteran photos, please do so soon, if you want them included for this year's Festival. We also encourage you to visit with Leslie Gee or Michael Abel of the Tribal Heritage Project to share your story, if you haven't already. Production of the new 2009 Honored Founding Family DVDs is in progress; they will be ready in time for Festival.

An exciting area of the Cultural Heritage Center is the Nswé Makek Library, named to honor CPN member Jerry Lewis. Mr. Lewis has donated countless books and resources to the Library and has extended the library's research capacity by leaps and bounds. These resources will be valuable and available just in time

for Festival. We are proud to have Mr. Lewis as a part of the team here at the Cultural Heritage Center in order to help us get this enormous feat accomplished.

An Art Exhibition and Sale featuring Gary Montgomery, a renowned artist, will be available for your enjoyment at the Cultural Heritage Center from March 28 through April 4. Immediately following that, five graduating St. Gregory's University art students will display their art projects for an end-of-school-year exhibition. The showing will run through April 25. You are invited to come.

The mission of the Cultural Heritage Center is to preserve the heritage of the Potawatomi people. We will continue to strive to accomplish this mission.

## ATTENTION

CPN Members who live in and around Shawnee and the greater Oklahoma City Area and who purchase electricity from OG&E...

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has partnered with Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E) to provide FREE weatherization services for members who own or rent homes that are receiving electricity from (OG&E).

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## CPN Voters

*(Kenneth Peltier is an honored elder, former CPN Secretary-Treasurer, and US Navy veteran of WWII.)*

As a Potawatomi Tribal Elder, I believe that this year's vote for Tribal Chairman is under the most urgent circumstances in the history of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. It is very important to make sure you vote.

I am very proud that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation holds the current position of being one of the leading Indian tribes in the nation. All of this was made possible under the leadership of John 'Rocky' Barrett. His leadership has helped to have a new form of government. Does the Citizen Potawatomi Nation really want to return to being a non-progressive tribe? Does the Nation really want to end 24 years of positive leadership?

**Please vote for John 'Rocky' Barrett**, a person who has used his business knowledge and experience to bring the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to the top. During his 24 years of leadership, business committee members have been committed to the same goals. The CPN Chairman and business committee members have made sure that educated and qualified people are hired for supervisor and director positions. These people are successful in what they do. When we vote we need to think of these people as a real asset.

Let us not vote for a person who does not have the leadership experience to keep us at the top of Indian Nations. We do not need a leader whose main issue is a Per Cap Payment. Stop and think about a vote for that issue. I would hate to see so many of our benefits go by the wayside in order to have a One-Time Payment in a very small amount paid to 27,000 Potawatomi members.

If you divide 27,000 into the profits made from CPN enterprises, you would not have a very big check. But, if you leave it as a whole, you are able to offer more benefits. Think about it! Medical/medicine, housing, environmental/safety, nutrition, death benefit, scholarships for our young people, and many other benefits.

Another issue of the other candidate for Chairman is to have an Absentee-Voter Tutor. My question is, "Why?" I have always voted absentee. The rules for absentee voting are very clearly stated. I follow the rules and know that my vote will be counted. I have never voted absentee and then turn up at the polls to vote in person. I have not tried to obtain an absentee ballot for a person not on the tribal roll.

It is very important to Vote, but think before you vote. Keep a well-qualified person in office.

**Vote for John 'Rocky' Barrett!!**

Sincerely, Kenneth E. Peltier Sr.

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## VOTE FOR CLYDE B. SLAVIN FOR DISTRICT 8 REPRESENTATIVE

The major asset of our Nation is its people. Being healthy, active, educated, and seeking a better tomorrow are desirable goals. I firmly believe that our tribal membership is an asset for each of us. The challenge is to improve the excellent infrastructure already in place to reach every Citizen Pottawatomi.

**Child care, elder care, and education** are concerns for most families. Our tribe has done an excellent job in these areas. I will work to improve access for members in District 8 to programs that have historically been limited to portions of Oklahoma.

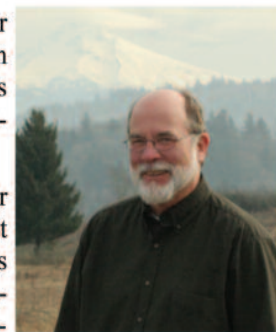
**Expanding the communication systems** between our Nation's Citizens would be a worthy endeavor. Most tribal communications outside of the HowNiKan seems to flow along family lines. Contacting non-family members is almost impossible. Sharing ideas outside of family lines should strengthen the tribe as family instead of being a tribe of forty-some families

**Please note:** Everyone who receives the HowNiKan now has access to me by mail, phone, or email. You can share your concerns and input by whatever means works for you.

As the Citizen Potawatomi Nation our heart and soul is in Oklahoma. As Citizen Potawatomi Indians we cover the Earth. Let me help you while we share this Earth.

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## Walking On

Angela Renea Hull



Angela Renea Hull, 30, of Moberly, passed away December 27, 2008 in Independence, Missouri. She was born December 12, 1978 in Moberly, Missouri, the daughter of Calvin and Susan Kitchen

Hull.

Angela is survived by her father, Calvin Hull of Moberly; her mother, Susan Gordon of Independence; two sons, Zack Prather and Alex Prather of Cairo, Missouri; two daughters, Mercedes Elaine Webber of Clarence, Missouri and Nicole Prather of Cairo; two brothers, Steven and Chonda Hull of Cairo and John T. Hull of Moberly; one sister, Michelle Hull of Moberly; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Friday, January 2, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Million-Taylor Funeral Home in Moberly. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation was on Friday, January 2, from noon until 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

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## POTAWATOMI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

June 22 to July 31, 2009

The Potawatomi Leadership Program (PLP) is a summer internship designated for up to 8 high school senior and/or college freshman students who are enrolled tribal members. The program is designed for the students to gain knowledge of the over-all operations of the tribe including the governmental process; election procedures; funding agreements; cultural/heritage activities; enterprise programs; and services provided to both tribal members and indigenous Indians in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation service area.

Applications for the program have been mailed to all enrolled tribal members who will be age 18 to 20 during the time frame of June 22 to July 31, 2009. If you are a candidate for the program and did not receive an application, please call Dennette Summerlin at 1-800-880-9880 or 405-275-3121, ext. 1103, e-mail her at dsummerlin@potawatomi.org, or go to [www.potawatomi.org/News/843.aspx](http://www.potawatomi.org/News/843.aspx).

## Potawatomi Leadership Program

My fellow Citizen Potawatomis,

In my 20 years of elected office, I have never felt as strongly about the election as I do this year. I beseech each of you to vote and encourage your family members to vote. Casting your vote this year is of greater importance than ever before.

Leadership of this noble Tribe requires the respect of our tribal members, government officials, employees, business associates, and customers. Our top elected official should have this highly coveted respect throughout Indian Country and across the nation.

I believe that Chairman Barrett has earned this respect. I encourage you to vote for Chairman Barrett. He is the best person for the job. He is proven and capable of great accomplishments. He has, and deserves, the respect of our Tribe and our community.

If Chairman Barrett is elected, I will continue to serve as long as our tribal members want me in office.

I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman. It is a high priority in my life to serve you with faithfulness and dedication.

Linda Capps, Vice Chairman



## District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikan,

In my previous *HowNiKan* article, I mentioned that my term would be up this spring and I would be running for re-election. The filing period passed, and I am unopposed. So, I will be your District #1 representative again for the next four years. Igiwen (thanks from the heart) for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

While I am on the subject of elections and voting, I want to say that I have supported Chairman John Barrett for Chairman for many years and will continue to do so due to the past history of growth and progress under his guidance. That being said, **PLEASE VOTE!!** If you don't vote for your choice, you are in effect voting for the opposition. Remember your vote does count; in the last election I won by one vote. Let's make District #1 the highest-voting district in the Nation.

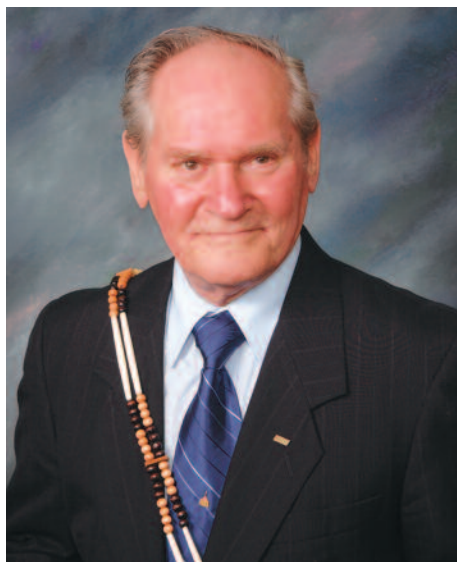
I have spoken several times in this article about my perceived notion of the Nation's need for an assisted living facility for our elders. Perhaps the first step has been taken.

In the latest quarterly meeting of the legislature, we voted on bill #09-51-rs-hhs, which I sponsored. The question: Shall the Citizen Potawatomi Nation approve a resolution authorizing and supporting a grant application to the Administration for Native Americans entitled "CPN Senior Support Network."

Consider: The proposed Citizen Potawatomi Nation Senior Support Network will develop and implement a culturally-sensitive case management model to provide comprehensive coordination of medical, personal, and social services for tribal elders and their families. The grant period is for two years with non-federal match to be provided by the CPN through program-related salaries, fringe benefits, and equipment already approved in the annual budget. The proposed budget is \$599,173.00.

This was **APPROVED** on February 25, 2009. It is One small step for our Nation and one giant step for our elders.

There have been many requests at this office and other district offices for a return to the old regional meetings. The executive board has begun holding Tribal Area Gatherings. The first was held in Las Vegas, in the District# 6 area on Saturday



February 21. I was able to attend this meeting as my wife Julia and I were on a short vacation in Las Vegas at the time.

There was a short PowerPoint presentation of Potawatomi History from pre-history to present by Chairman Barrett, including a progress report of the Nation. Lunch was served.

After lunch, the families were invited to introduce themselves and tell how they were connected to the Nation. We got to meet many new friends and learned of new family connections.

The District #1 meeting was held on March 15, beginning with lunch at 1 p.m. Our members were informed by mail of the time and place.

At some time during the coming year, I intend to hold district meetings somewhere near the eastern boundaries of District #1 for those of you who have never been able to attend one of these events. During the next four years I hope to involve more of our members in these meetings by bringing them closer to your location.

If you are interested in receiving your Native American name please let me know. There is a certain protocol to be followed and I can help you with that.

As mentioned earlier in this article, the quarterly meeting of the legislature was held on February 25. It was streamed on the internet, and this time all the bugs were worked out and it worked very well. For those of you who would like to watch the proceedings via the internet, the instructions are always on the Web site. Just click on government then legislature and follow

the prompts.

Our government structure is unique to the CPN. No other tribe has district representatives that cover every state in the union. The jurisdiction and governmental powers of the CPN exercised by three separate branches of tribal government: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. What makes this so important is that no one branch or individual exercises total control of the operation of the Nation.

This was not always the case. Thanks to the vision of the present administration, Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps, we now have this very successful form of government that is being

copied by other Native American tribes.

If you have not received e-mail or regular mail with updates or meeting notices, it's because I don't have your e-mail or regular mail address. If you would like to receive these updates, please send me your address of choice to the address below or via phone.

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## District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Hello, Fellow CPN District #2 Citizens,

One of our relations in District #2 wrote to me recently that he did not feel qualified to vote in the upcoming CPN elections, since he was so far from Shawnee and not involved in what is going on with the Nation day-to-day. If you share that sentiment, I hope that you will work, over the next few months, to overcome it by learning more about the Nation, its government, and the candidates running for office. Please talk to any of your relatives who might be closer to the day-to-day operations of the Nation, set aside an hour to click around the [www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org) Web site, study the *HowNiKan* ads, review the various candidates' Web sites, and call or e-mail the candidates and your legislator and ask questions. It will be a time investment but I hope you'll agree that one of the responsibilities of CPN citizenship is voting in our elections – particularly our elections for Tribal Chairman.

I'd like you to add to the mix of information my personal view that Chairman John Barrett has earned our votes in the upcoming election with his vision and track record of managerial expertise, financial acumen, and dedication over so many years. He has brought us this far – which is a very long way – and I believe that he can take us even farther, with the help of our enhanced government and citizens' increased participation, even in these tough times.

That being said, I don't always agree with the Chairman. For instance, the Chairman called a Special Legislative Session in mid-February for the Legislature to consider a resolution to



amend the Nation's election ordinance now, when we do not have another election coming up until a year from now. I wanted to have the time to think about a comprehensive review and "fix" to the ordinance, to address some other issues with it that the Chairman had not raised.

Others disagreed with me, and by an 11-4 vote, we amended the ordinance to require that, for future elections, all candidates who have worked for the Nation be required to sign a release that permits the Election Board access to their CPN personnel files to determine whether anything in the records reflects misconduct. The amendment also permits the Board to publish in the *HowNiKan* information about such misconduct, along with the candidate's short explanation, if he or she prepares one.

The good news here is that as a body we



debated the issues and considered the varied viewpoints, and that each legislator, with independence of mind, cast his or her vote. One legislator's views might not carry the day but it is in the Nation's best interest to have those views expressed and considered.

We met again as a legislature at the end of February, for our quarterly session. At that meeting, we considered 15 resolutions that had been voted out of our various committees. Among the highlights are that we voted to add 179 citizens to the tribal rolls, 16 of whom live in District #2. My cousin Paul Lawless and his four children are among those 16. Paul is in the group of Potawatomis who saw their older siblings get enrolled and then were told that they had been born "too late," and the rolls had closed.

This is the situation I wrote about in my column last month. Since then I've learned from Vice Chairman Linda Capps the history that, in June 29, 1961, the Nation's tribal rolls were closed to descendants unless they possessed 1/8-degree Indian blood. The Nation amended our constitution in April 1989 to open tribal rolls to descendants of persons who already were on the rolls. If any of you are in Paul's situation, please step up, fill out the application form for tribal membership (it can be printed from the CPN Web site by entering into your Web browser [www.potawatomi.org/Services/Tribal+Rolls/default.aspx](http://www.potawatomi.org/Services/Tribal+Rolls/default.aspx)), and officially join us. We're waiting for you!

We also authorized the Nation to seek more funding to benefit our seniors through a grant application to the Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Native Americans. Our administration has proposed a project titled the "CPN Senior Support Network," which would offer comprehensive coordination of medical, personal, and social services for our tribal elders and their families. Over two years, we are hoping to receive a \$440,000 grant from HHS. We would need to match that with \$158,000 of our own funds for program-related clinicians' salaries and clinic equipment.

At least 100 elders in Oklahoma would receive comprehensive case management services in the grant's first year. The program would also assist our Kansan elders in the second year. Among the reasons I am excited about this proposal is that the case management approach, along with

policies and procedures that we would develop, would serve as a model for future expansion of elder services into other districts.

Other legislative action included voting to submit applications to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to request trust acquisition of two parcels of fee land within former CPN reservation boundaries. (The vote on one of these properties is what Rep. Ron Goyer writes about in his column.) To my thinking one of the critical functions of the Legislature is facilitating the Nation's process of moving fee land into trust land – because we, as a people, can exercise our sovereign authority over land that is trust land.

As the resolutions we approved state: "The Legislature believes that increasing the tribal land base furthers the pursuit of Tribal Self-Determination and allows future generations of tribal leaders to have the flexibility to use the land for the health, welfare, and sovereignty of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation."

I voted yes with respect to both property applications. I listened to, but was not persuaded by, the opposing view that the Chairman's thoughts for how to ultimately develop one of the properties should we succeed in having them put into trust should change my vote to a "no." The Chairman's thoughts on use of the land are only thoughts, until the revenues to bring them to reality are appropriated by the Legislature; the Legislature always will have the opportunity to review any development plans for trust lands, as we hold the purse strings for the Nation.

Moving on to opportunities to build our District #2 community: there are three upcoming events for District #2. First is an Open House that I am hosting at the Legislative Office in downtown Washington, D.C., on Saturday March 28 from 2 p.m. to 4p.m. I'm billing it as coffee, cake, and conversation with fellow Potawatomis and our families, and children are welcome.

If there's interest we can plan more get-togethers that at least will give those of us in the Washington Metro area a chance to visit regularly. Details are on my legislative page, at [www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org). (I hope you are not reading about this after the fact, given the pace of HowNiKan delivery to us "Southeasterners." I apologize if that is the case and that the Open House truly is "news" to you. I e-mailed everyone for whom I have an e-mail address and also

requested a U.S. postal service mailing to everyone. To fix this going forward, please send me your e-mail contact details so future invitations arrive timely!)

The other events are two CPN Tribal Area Gatherings in cities in District #2. The first was held in Jacksonville, Florida on Saturday March 21. The second is set for Alexandria, Virginia on Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be served at both. Invitations have been or will be mailed with details on both events, and information about them is posted on the CPN Web site. I will be at both gatherings and look forward to visiting with everyone who attends.

One last note if you're planning a trip to Washington, D.C. this spring you might want to make room in the schedule for "our" museum – the National Museum of the American Indian. The Washington Post

recently carried an intriguing piece on a show that runs through May 31st, "Comic Art Indigène." It features drawings, comic books, and sculpture "with a Native American spin." Included is a rock drawing from 1290 in red, white, and blue featuring a shield-carrying figure known as "All-American Man." Might be something for the whole family.

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

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## District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho, Fellow District 3 Citizens,

The last few weeks have been very busy. I have had the opportunity to meet many of you and a few of the District #6 citizens at the Tribal Area Gatherings held in Las Vegas, Nevada; Lewisville, Texas; and The Woodlands, Texas, near Houston. The turnout has been excellent.

I am so pleased that the Chairman and Vice Chairman have brought these meetings to us. We have been fortunate to have Roy Slavin at the Las Vegas and Lewisville meetings. D. Wayne Trousdale, our Secretary-Treasurer, and legislators Paul Schmidtkofer and David Barrett also attended the Lewisville meeting. Collectively, seven of the sixteen total legislative members were at Lewisville to meet with those of you there.

Stan Lewis, the intertribal liaison with the U.S. Census Bureau, attended our Lewisville meeting. He advised that jobs with the Census Bureau start becoming available this month, preparing for the 2010 census. Again, if you know anyone, including yourself, who needs a job, this may be the opportunity. Have them call 866-861-2010.

The Lewisville meeting offered the three candidates running for tribal chairman this year an opportunity to address us.

Those of you who will be 18 or older no later than June 27, 2009 have the right to vote for the candidate of your choice. Voter turnout over the years has not been good. Voting in our annual election in June last



year went like this:

District 3 had 1889 eligible voters. Seventy-eight (78) voters requested absentee ballots. Just 50 total votes were cast, including both absentee and on-site in Shawnee. That is less than three (3) percent of the eligible voters!

Our tribe had more than 18,000 eligible voters, and only 1064 of that total voted. This is less than six (6) percent of the total eligible voters.

Over the years, I have seen this kind of voter participation in our tribal, local, and state elections. It is ironic that voters overlook voting in elections that can have a daily impact upon their lives in the way of benefits, services, and taxes. However,

voter participation in the national election tends to be very good as we just saw with the election of our new president

Last month, another legislator asked you to vote in our forthcoming election, making the statement that your vote is very important. That legislator was right on target!

We are going through change and, long-term, the decisions made by this legislature and the next will impact not only you, but also future generations.

I urge you to look at the candidates and vote for whom you feel will best represent you! Do keep in mind, that anything beyond a promise to work with the other legislators is a promise that is questionable. It takes nine votes of the legislature to make a change! Unless that candidate has another eight votes that he controls, that promise is smoke and mirrors at best!

In looking at the group of legislators currently in office and the voting that has been taking place, I believe we have been looking for opportunities to seek out more benefits and services for everyone.

In early April, all 21,762 eligible voters will be mailed a packet with a postage-paid return postcard to request their absentee ballot. It should be a very easy process.

If you are unsure on what to do, go to our tribal website [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org). There is a nice video on the whats and hows. When you go onto the site, go to the "Government – Election" boxes. Open the "CPN Election Central" area, then click (open) the red box with the white letters that says "ELECTIONS." At the bottom of that box are several videos. You will need to choose the one that works with the pro-

grams on your computer. I was able to open and play "ElectionVideo.wmv." Alternatively, use this link to reach the video: [www.potawatomi.org/News/799.aspx](http://www.potawatomi.org/News/799.aspx).

The single most important thing is that your address and tribal information must be in the appropriate areas when you return your ballot request and ballot.

Once you get your ballot, fill it out immediately and send it back in. The outside of the return postage-paid envelope must have all areas completed including your tribal roll number. If the outside information is missing or incomplete, your ballot will not be opened and your vote won't count.

For those of you who plan on attending the Family Reunion Festival over the June 26-28 weekend, you have just four months to get your regalia, shawl, dress, or ribbon-shirt ready. If you need a pattern for the dress or shirt, drop me a note and I'll get you that information.

In closing let me remind you that I am here to serve you. I am an e-mail or phone call away. I am in our Texas tribal office in Bedford several days a week and always on each Thursday afternoon between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. If you can't get there then, call and we can arrange a time that will work for both of us.

Until next month,  
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heard the stories of my ancestors, people like Chief Wabaunsee, Pierre Navarre, and Peter Navarre.

These are men whose names after all this time are still on counties, lakes, schools, and college campuses. I also attended the regional meetings year after year with my dad, proud that Vice Chairman Linda Capps was carrying on this leadership position.

When it came time for me to run for office, I knew I wanted to pass this on to the next generation. I wanted to teach children that we have to be the best that we can be because our Creator has blessed the Potawatomi people with so much. I am doubtful there will be any schools, cities, or lakes named after me. But, I know I am doing my part to spread the word to as many citizens as I can.

We are about to head full steam into the campaign season. This newspaper will be full of ads as election gets near. I am grateful that three of our newly-elected legislators, in Districts #1, #2, and #3 are unopposed. As I stated before, many of us have been in office less than a year. I don't think making a change now would be in the best interest of the Nation.

I know many citizens reading this article do not vote. Kansas has more than 2,000 CPN citizens; yet, less than 200 ballots were cast in the last election. If you feel strongly that the Chairman or I should



remain in office, don't presume that that will just happen. We have had many elections decided by a handful of votes. A ballot request form will be mailed to you soon. It is too important to discard. There are major issues in this campaign, and our Nation's future is too important.

An instructional video on the absentee ballot process is on our Web site, if you have any questions. For your vote to count, all of the instructions must be followed.

I am still planning to have a Memorial Day service at the Uniontown Cemetery. I will have more details as it gets closer.

As always, feel free to contact me by e-mail at [TAdame@potawatomi.org](mailto:TAdame@potawatomi.org). I will add you to my list and keep in touch.

Thank you for your continued support and confidence in me.

Theresa Adame  
Representative, District #4

## District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Citizens,

It is a beautiful day in Kansas today, and I hope you and your families are all doing well. Like many of you, I am listening to the news and hearing all the bad news on the economy. I am disheartened about all the bickering between the Republican and Democratic parties. One would think that, at a time like this, they could unite to stabilize our country's economic fears.

However, I am thankful that our CPN enterprises are still showing good earnings. I also look at our first CPN Legislature under our new form of government and know the CPN citizens have done well in their choice. It has been

almost one year since the last group of legislators, myself included, was sworn in. In the short time that I have held this position, I have seen great progress. We have a very diverse group of individuals who are working well together.

As stated in a previous article, I was recently contacted by a CPN citizen to work on a festival celebrating the 150th anniversary of Wabaunsee County, named after Chief Wabaunsee. I did not write about how important this was to me as a CPN citizen and a descendent of the Chief. For many people sports figures, actors etc. may be their role models, but for me that was not the case. From an early age, I

## VOTE SLAVIN DISTRICT 8

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## District #5 - Gene Lambert

Hello to everyone,

Spring is here! We have already seen the flowers bloom here in Arizona as they do about now. This brings new beginnings to many forms of life, attitudes, goals, families, and growing relationships.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is no different. It is also taking on new ideas and expanding those already in action. We are fine-tuning the teleconference legislative meetings. We have managed to unite all the legislators from around the country. The goal here is to establish better communication and information about the needs of individual members, thus enabling services to meet our needs more efficiently.

The yearly meetings that took place in the past will happen again on March 29, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Now, they are called Tribal Area Gatherings instead of Regional Meetings. The boundaries have changed and so have the duties of your local representation. The San Marcus Hotel in Chandler, Arizona will host the meeting, and you will have an opportunity to see and hear about the progress that has taken place in the last two years.

Those running for office this year will also have an opportunity to speak. Bring your questions and get the answers.



I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. I know Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps have a lot of information to share. With all that being said, I personally look forward to seeing all of you again. Come early and be sure to take the time to help me catch up on all the changes in your lives. Let's get names matched to updated phone numbers and e-mail addresses so we can stay in touch more readily.

Call your family members together and have a great reunion day.  
Megwetch,  
Gene Lambert, Rep., District #5

## District #6 - Ron Goyer

Let me start by saying that Land-Into-Trust is often a good thing. However, if the land to be utilized is for reasons that are self serving, detrimental to Cultural and Spiritual ways, or in a manner that causes harm or preys on people, it is NOT a good thing! This is the case of installing a casino in an extremely rural community with no other form of recreation and many households with minimal disposable incomes. This is poor business on multiple levels. My response to the recent vote on land into trust is a matter of legislative record. I will not be predatory on my own people or their community.

Please allow me to explain something without bragging. My education and degrees are in Accounting, Business and specifically Tribal Gaming Management. How can one possibly expect me to not apply my knowledge and education in ways that support and protect our own people? (by the way our people paid for my education)



Please, don't attempt to stop me from voting for what I think and know is right for our tribe. Don't laugh and make light during debate at legislation. I take the decisions I make and the stewardship I'm entrusted with very seriously. I am not going to apologize for the way I vote and I should not be made embarrassed or bullied to do so either. Furthermore, don't embarrass yourselves by apologizing for me. I would vote the same today, as then, as my

convictions are right and my heart is true.

I ask these questions of the presiding legislative council:

Do my fellow legislators; want me to just say yes to every item put before me in committee or in legislative session? Am I there simply to rubber stamp every item proposed without question? Should I compromise my ethics and beliefs and lower myself to conform to everything the executive branch pushes in front of us? Do I respond yes whenever the microphone is so graciously and sparingly turned on by the chief executive? How can our Legislature be independent when every committee is chaired by a member of the Executive Branch? This negates or renders moot any separation of powers. This means that there is not in place a system of checks and balances.

From the day J.P. Motley stepped down, to the end of the five-person business committee, not one nay vote was cast on any item before the business committee until this new legislative body was seated.

I am requesting of my fellow legislators to please, look within yourselves, use your consciences to be a voice and speak up for those who aren't there to speak for themselves. This is why you're in your legislative seats, because you are the voice of your people!

Remember this, our people are watching what we do and so are our ancestors. We must do right by them.

Megwetch,

Ron Goyer, Legislator District #6

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### Note from John A. Barrett, Tribal Chairman, Presiding Legislative Officer:

The topic of this letter from Rep. Ron Goyer of District #6 (Southern California, Nevada) is his vote in the Third Legislative Session of the Tribal Legislature against Resolution 09-46-NR, which was unanimously approved by the Natural Resources Committee, and which passed in the full Legislature by a vote of 13 in favor and two opposed. This vote by Rep. Goyer (and Rep. Thom Finks) is the first time in the history of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation that an elected official has ever voted against growing the land base of the Tribe. The Resolution he voted against did not specify that the land would be used for gaming. The land is already partially in trust as the Welch family allotment, and this law transfers the Tribe's fractional ownership into our name in trust. It is near Wanette, Oklahoma on SH 39. Rep. Goyer knows virtually nothing about Wanette or the

income of the people in it or around it, or who pass by on the highway.

Claiming he voted from superior knowledge based on his "degrees" in business, accounting, and tribal gaming, Rep. Goyer fails to tell you he has never worked a day in gaming, has had little permanent employment, has never raised a child, bought a home, made a payroll, managed people, run a business, or had any meaningful responsibility. He has been in office for 10 months. He is woefully uninformed and inexperienced in Citizen Potawatomi Nation affairs. His "holier than thou" justification for voting against our land ownership because it is a violation of our "...Cultural and Spiritual ways..and causes harm and preys on people..." unfairly criticizes the other 13 Legislators who voted for the land ownership. These 13 Legislators represent a combined 87 years of service in tribal elected office or employment and are much, much more knowledgeable about our Tribal traditions. There are few things that Citizen Potawatomi who actually know our tribal ways find more reprehensible than justifying a political act by citing tribal spirituality. It is not done.

Rep. Goyer cast his vote in the course of appearing on a live internet broadcast of the Third Session of the Tribal Legislature in a tee-shirt and shorts, regularly leaving his seat, gesturing at the camera, holding up signs, and behaving in a disruptive and disrespectful manner. Such behavior damages the credibility of the new Tribal Legislature and sets a poor precedent for its future.

Rep. Goyer's father, Chuck Goyer, was appointed by me to his former position as Southern California Regional Representative. Ron Goyer drew no opponent in his election as the Tribal Legislator for District #6 and will serve until 2010. I wish the Citizen Potawatomi who live in Southern California and Nevada to know that there is a huge difference between the now eliminated position of Regional Representative, whose job was to hold a meeting once a year and answer phone calls, and being an elected member of the Tribal Legislature who is responsible for all of the laws of our Nation and the \$350,000,000 budget to operate our entire government.

**John A. Barrett,  
Chairman, CPN**

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## District #7 - Thom Finks

Bozho,

I've been struggling over this column and even more, how my actions as a legislator might be interpreted while my brother is making a bid to become our tribal Chairman. I've come to the conclusion that I should speak and act as I always have – in truth and good conscience. This tradition has never failed me.

Jeremy Bertrand Finch is running for the position of Chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Jeremy changed his name legally years ago and, if you "Google" Jeremy Bertrand Finch today, you'll find that he was a very successful writer and producer in Hollywood and New York City.

His employment with the tribe during the past 18 years has provided him with knowledge, experience and contacts in several areas of our tribe, other tribes, and even the White House. Unfortunately, according to employment policy, employed candidates must resign their positions when filing for candidacy. This is an odd rule, which doesn't affect our incumbent candidates. I have great respect and honor for my brother who is investing unpaid time and tremendous effort into his bid and belief that he can do a better job leading our tribe.

In last month's column, Chairman Barrett stated, "This tribal election has created questions that have never before come up in our tribal government history." I assume he is referring to a possible conflict or question of allegiance between issues of the legislature vs. commitment to an opponent of the leader of the legislature. Let it be known that I am loyal to both and experiencing no inner conflict. As the Chairman pointed out, yes I am assisting my brother's campaign (and am proud of it), but that will not interfere with representing my region in good conscience.

In that regard, I would like my district tribal members to know that I voted against two pieces of legislation presented at our last meeting. The first was a proposal to publish previous tribal employment misconduct or national crime data base criminal history, etc. First, if candidates who are not tribal employees run, we would not have access to their employment records as those issues are typically handled by Human Resources and Management and are confidential.



Second, I believe it is inappropriate for this type of legislation to be presented in the midst of an election and certainly not by one of the candidates. Incidentally, three other Legislators also voted against this legislation, but the majority passed it. There is documentation readily available on the Internet regarding some alleged wrongdoing by our Chairman. Should this information be published also? You may also research the Internet for information about Diana Brasfield.

The second piece of legislation involved putting land into trust. Normally I would be very much in favor of putting any land into trust, but on this occasion, I voted against this proposal. Wanette is a small town with few services; in fact, the Chairman has stated, "It's hard to get a haircut in Wanette."

The plan for this land includes putting in a casino. Based on the economy and the income of the locals, I felt it was irresponsible and not in accordance with the Chairman's "community standard." Those folks don't need a casino; they need groceries and fuel. Rep. Ron Goyer also voted against this legislation, but in the end, it too passed.

Elections are a privilege and a responsibility. The most important thing in this election is to vote and BE HEARD! Tribal Members should decide elections. Elections should not be decided through the elimination of opponents – that's cowardice.

Don't misunderstand. I have and always will honor Chairman Barrett for the prosperity of the tribe to date. Unfortunately, during a recent interview with the

Shawnee News Star, Chairman Barrett stated that we were \$100 million-plus in debt, deeper than we've ever been. The economy is in a full recession and belts are tight. Perhaps it's time to take a serious look at how our money is being spent and decide if this is the course you want for the future of our tribe.

Chairman Barrett has taken the liberty of using his column to comment on the election. So, I have responded in kind. I am hoping that you are watching legisla-

tive meetings live on the internet. If you want to be alerted by e-mail or postcard of upcoming sessions, I am happy to do that.

As always, I welcome your questions or comments, which can be directed to my e-mail address, [tbtf@sundancenet.com](mailto:tbtf@sundancenet.com), or you may leave a message at 530-889-2241. I will get back to you ASAP.

Megwetch,  
Rep. Thom Finks  
District #7

## District #9 - Paul Wesselhoft

### *The Nation's Chairmanship*

The campaign for the Chairmanship of our nation is upon us. Putting personalities aside, I would like to address the most important policy issue which differentiates the three candidates - our children's and grandchildren's future. One candidate looks to the future, the other two look to the present.

There is not a more important policy for our nation and her legislature than the academic, professional, or technical education of our citizens! Our Nation will only financially prosper and contribute to society as we provide its members opportunities to earn either college or Career Technology degrees or diplomas.

Not everyone is meant to go to college, but all of our kids need to obtain a professional status that can give them and their families a good living. Sometimes, this professional status is accomplished with college degrees; other times, it is accomplished with vocational school diplomas.

Our Nation provides more than 1,500 scholarships each semester. This figure must increase, never decrease. We are, indeed, educating our children for an extremely competitive world. Our citizens need school, and more school, in order to keep up with the ever-increasing demand of the global market. Without such education - academic, professional or technical - our citizens will find themselves without employment, period!

Again, there is not a more important National and legislative policy than pro-

viding scholarships for academic, professional, or technical degrees or diplomas.

Two of our candidates (focused on the present) would spend much of our Nation's resources elsewhere; this would, de facto, decrease scholarships. Folks, we of the legislature have only so much money to appropriate. The other candidate (focused on our future) would continue to increase scholarships because he knows the higher importance of educating our citizens for a global economy.

I hope we do not succumb to the temptation of candidates who pander to the present; we ought to, instead, support the candidate who holds our future in his hands.

Megwetch,  
Paul Wesselhoft  
Rep., District #9



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## District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

How do we become better CPN members? What is expected of each of us to insure that our efforts will continue on in the future as we seek excellence, prosperity, future medical needs, a better quality of life, continued educational opportunities, housing - the list goes on and on.

These things didn't just appear overnight. All we have as a Nation has taken hard work, dedication, expertise, planning, long-range vision, and steadfastness of the management team to bring it to current fruition.

As you know from my columns, I would like to see more involvement of our members in VOTING and actively voicing your concerns and ideas for our nation.

Do you realize that, of our 27,471 Potawatomi member base with 21,590 eligible voters, usually fewer than 3,000 members cast absentee ballots or vote in person in the CPN executive elections nationwide. In addition, fewer than 400 cast their votes in the last CPN election for legislative seats from Oklahoma.

Let's look at the past years on just the number of students who received education benefits through the scholarship program administered by Tribal Rolls Director Chuck Clark:

1979 - 14 students - total grants of \$1,200 - \$250 per semester

2002 - 343 students - \$100,120 - \$300 per semester

2003 - 430 students - \$325,000 - \$500 per semester

2004 - 610 students - \$520,000 - \$500 per semester

2005 - 689 students - \$947,000 - \$1,000 per semester

2006 - 799 students - \$1,426,000 - \$1,000 per semester

2007 - 1,103 students - \$2,466,000 - \$1,500 per semester

2008 - 1,041 students - \$2,829,000 - \$1,500 per semester

Just this spring, 2009 - 1,048 students - \$1,209,000 - \$1,500 per semester

You can see that we have increased our scholarship participation and dollar



amount steadily over the past 30 years. Since we started this program, probably more than 6,000 members have received aid. Do you see what I'm trying to state, in black and white? My point is: where are all those members' votes.

Let's start another new year in growing our nation. To do so, we need all of you to take an active part in voting. Let's commit to voting in this election.

Now, which candidate should we vote for? Who has grown the Nation? Let's keep our current Chairman and his leadership in place and continue our Nation's advancement in the future.

All of you, young people, should vote. If you do, what a statement that will show the Nation - that we are developing a life-line of young people to "step to the plate" to protect the future of our Nation.

As your representative, I will always do what is best for the Nation. That's why we who represent you need to hear from you. Your voice on different issues can be heard by two ways. One is by speaking; the other is by voting. Voting should be treated with the honor it earned on battlefields where it was won and protected.

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Megwetch,  
David Barrett/Mnedobe  
Legislator, District #10

## District #11 - Lisa Kraft

March 2009

Despite the recent dissention of the California representatives on two major pieces of legislation, I still believe our legislature is fundamentally strong. Each of us has worked together in our committees, and as a whole, to enact laws and pass resolutions so that enterprises operate, services are delivered, program benefits are put in the hands of individual members, and administrative departments function. And, with the exception of Rep. Goyer in California, your elected officials conduct themselves professionally, both on and off camera.

Those of you who have viewed our last two meetings online have seen the temper tantrums and theatrics displayed when a representative can't wait his turn to have the floor. When a bill is being introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Goyer thinks he is being slighted because the Chairman will not stop mid-sentence and acknowledge him.

I think Mr. Goyer insolent and his behavior improper. In every meeting we have, the Chairman asks if there is discussion on each item on the agenda. We are all given an opportunity to ask questions, and if need be, make a motion to defer the resolution until our next meeting. If the motion to defer does not carry, the Chairman puts the item to a vote. Just because one person does not fully understand the measure does not mean that the majority do not.

To insinuate, which Mr. Goyer has in advance of this printing, that our elected body is a group of "yes men" is not only degrading to me and my legislative colleagues, but should be to everyone who voted. I stand on my qualifications and hard work at the tribe - from becoming an employee back in 1996 to sitting on the tribe's bank board, 13 years in all.

When I sponsor a resolution, make a motion, and cast a vote, I do it with confidence in myself, the Executive leadership, and most of my committee colleagues. I have never been told that I cannot have information when researching something we are voting on.

In my opinion, Mr. Goyer speaks out of both sides of his mouth on acting respectful. You can not believe the disrespect he shows Chairman Barrett and Vice Chairman Capps through his e-mail corre-



spondence. With all of his schooling you would think Mr. Goyer could muster up some professional decorum; of course, that would come from experience and career accomplishments, not from being a career student.

After you read Mr. Goyer's column this month, you will think that our members living near Wanette, Oklahoma are simple folk who would spend their last dollars on frivolous entertainment, rather than basic needs, if tribal legislators ever voted to build an entertainment center and other amenities there.

He has probably never had to stop for gas, run to the bank, grab a bite to eat, or visit the AM/PM health clinic the last time he was in Wanette. If he had, he would have found that none of these amenities exist in the southern portion of our reservation jurisdiction - 30 miles south of the tribal headquarters - even though hundreds of our members live in the vicinity.

Mr. Goyer and Mr. Finks, both California representatives, voted against the tribe making an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take a large tract of land near Wanette into trust. Luckily, the motion to approve carried. The tribe has spent three years buying back highly fractionated interests from individual members and landowners to bring one of the largest contiguous original Citizen Potawatomi allotments back under tribal ownership.

Mr. Goyer, naively and adversely, stated on record that he thinks the land around Wanette should remain rural and untouched by development. Not only does

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he think us Oklahomans simpletons, he seems to think we live in a historical vacuum. He probably thinks that the state correctional facility in nearby Lexington is an editing service.

Mr. Goyer and Mr. Finks, neither one realizes that their vote against placing the Wanette land in trust is a statement against job creation and community development for Oklahoma tribal members. For years, I have heard Chairman Barrett and Vice Chairman Capps talk about creating a grocery store, gas station, bank branch, and possibly a daycare center in Wanette. These are the immediate needs for the property if the tribe is ever able to get it in trust. When the Chairman introduced the bill he was describing the limitless opportunities he envisions for the development of the land; it is his role to think big.

While I personally like Thom Finks, I can think of no logical reason why he would oppose taking land into trust or expanding the tribe's legal jurisdiction, taxing jurisdiction, and federal funding base if not for political reasons in support of his brother who favors reducing our tribal wealth.

Mr. Finks and Mr. Goyer also voted against the General Council budget request. The motion to approve carried despite both representatives opposing a

budget which would allow for the planning of a North Texas Regional Center and Assisted Living Center. Unlike the State of California, there is a large population of tribal members concentrated in north Texas.

If the aim of the California representatives is to shoot down worthwhile legislation in order to take credit away from our seated Chairman, I hope it backfires on them. Chairman Barrett has held his office for 24 years and has pushed an agenda to better each of us through education. He draws intense criticism from those who want a small per capita payment in tough economic times. If per capping is ever authorized, the first tangible benefits to go will be tribal scholarships, burial assistance, health aids, prescription drug benefits, the *HowNiKan*, and even our annual heritage festival.

I will never vote for a one-time payout of any tribal revenue no matter how sugar-coated the proposal appears to be. I would rather keep our Nation financially strong with educated members devoted to protecting tribal sovereignty, healthy elders to keep us all grounded, and children given every opportunity to learn their culture.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.  
Lisa

It's just that it's different from my regular job, so it's relaxing.

I remember way back when I was a kid. My father took us three older boys for a ride one Saturday. Like most times, he just came out and said get ready we've got something to do. So you really never knew what was on the agenda. Sometimes, it meant something enjoyable, not all that often, but sometimes. Other times it meant he needed some horsepower.

Well, it was one of those days he needed strong backs and weak minds. We loaded up in the truck and off we went. Well this trip took me somewhere I didn't remember going to before. We just drove north a few miles, and he pulled off onto an old gravel road.

Now, where he turned in was right next door to the Shawnee Indian Agency. I had been there a couple times before. It was a collegiate-appearing environment. You know, lots of big stately looking buildings, well-kept lawns, and such. I had been to the IHS hospital there for checkups before scout summer camp and football season.

Nowhere we turned in was a road that led us to an old wreck of a building. Let me describe it as a little whitewashed structure that appeared to be waiting on a good wind to blow it over.

Well, we all rolled out and looked it over. Then we took the time to look in the back of the truck, and it became apparent why we were there. In the back of Dad's old Chevy pickup were a couple of those horrible green Lawnboy lawnmowers, some other yard tools, and a jug of water. It didn't take brain surgeons to figure out what kind of trip this was.

Anyway, that was the first time I saw the great Potawatomi Nation. Talk about having the wind taken out of your sails. Now don't get me wrong. I was proud of my Potawatomi heritage. And, to be perfectly honest, that little building was at least something. But somehow in my mind when we had driven through the Shawnee Indian Agency before I pictured our tribal headquarters being a little more impressive.

Well, over the years, we've made some progress. Some of it is almost forgotten, other things are proudly displayed about the tribal headquarters property. The first time I looked out north from that old building, there was nothing between it and the old Hardesty's grocery except Squirrel Creek. Today, if it still stood, you would be hard pressed to see that store. The Nation

has grown over the years. Strong leadership went a long way toward making that happening.

This year our Nation has its usual election again in June. What's different this year is it is also an election for Chairman. Again this year, I will be supporting our incumbent Chairman John A. 'Rocky' Barrett. It is through his leadership that many of the improvements have been accomplished. Over the past six years, I have been fortunate to be able to serve our Nation. During this time, we have experienced growth that is almost unparalleled in Indian Country. Part of that was due to the good fortune of being in the right place at the right time. Much of it is the result of good business decisions.

The seed corn has been tended to wisely. Other tribes build new buildings with each new elected leader. Those end up being empty shells in a few short years. Our buildings are full of employees working in our programs and enterprises for each of us.

The sound, conservative business plan we have taken helps keep us from putting our grandkids in debt. It is our hope to be able to pay off the debt at FireLake Grand Casino long before our grandkids inherit it. We may lengthen it to accomplish some of our plans in a timely manner. But our hopes are to keep it within a generation.

In our Executive Branch, we have three able-minded people who direct our Nation. Along with Chairman Barrett are Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale. These three individuals run the daily business of the Nation in one form or another. None of them take their duties lightly.

So, expect to hear from me again next year when Linda and D. Wayne are up for re-election. I have walked a little in their shoes over the previous years and know that they are all three tireless workers for our people. If you appreciate what we have been blessed with as a Nation then I encourage you to vote for Rocky this year and Linda and D. Wayne next.

Those of you who follow our legislative meeting via Potawatomi.org may have noticed and wondered about the discussion on the Wanette property. For the first time I can remember, we had votes cast against putting property into trust status. It is hard for me to comprehend someone voting against this. One of the primary ways the nation generates income is from enterprises located on trust property.

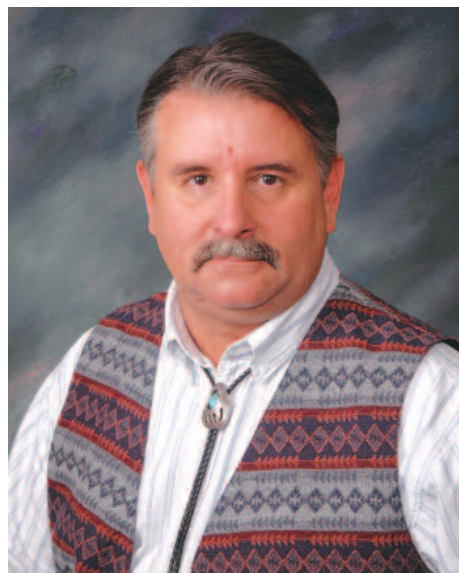
## District #12- Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho, nikan!

I hope this issue of the *HowNiKan* finds each of you in good health and spirits. Summer is rapidly approaching, which means the Family Reunion Festival will be here soon. I hope all of you are making your plans right now to attend again this year.

For those of you who have never been, maybe this year will be the first. The temperature here in Oklahoma is slowly inching back toward summertime. The school year is now in the final quarter for most of us. I look toward it with mixed emotions each year as I will both lose students to graduation and find myself relaxing through the summer again.

After having some of my students for a half-day for two years, they kind of grow on you. Anyone who can put up with me for two years is probably a pretty decent person, so yes I'll miss them. Okay, so right about now most of you who are in education are wondering how does he



manage to relax all summer? Well I really don't relax that much. But rather find myself doing other things that I find relaxing - like painting the house, mowing the yard, and other maintenance issues. And, my other volunteer work keeps me busy.



The Nation is able to take advantage of some opportunities not available on non-trust property. We have a sales tax benefit that helps us get businesses off the ground and healthy quicker. Then, those same sales dollars go into future enterprises. I could kind of see someone disagreeing with a business proposal that we're looking at on trust property. But voting against putting property into trust, I don't know.

Well, the warm weather has me outside more. Hopefully, spring will find us all soon. I look forward to this time of year. I take pleasure in the time I get with my grandkids; we are able to get outside and

do the things they enjoy. We'll be hooking up the fifth-wheel soon and heading to the lake with them. They really enjoy that.

Time spent outdoors in nature with them brings so many memories for the future. We as Potawatomi will be gathering soon with our families. Summer will follow and we will meet again in Shawnee for the annual gathering.

For all my relations around the country feel free to contact me via PSchmidlkofer@Potawatomi.org if you have any questions of me.

Megwetch!

Paul Schmidlkofer

## District #13- Bobbie Bowden

Bozho,

I hope this edition finds you and your family well.

It is the time of year as we prepare for our tribal election. This election is especially important because the office of our Chairman is up for election. I am asking you to join me in supporting our Chairman Rocky Barrett. Chairman Barrett's leadership, dedication, and vision have made our tribe as successful as it is and will continue to make us more successful and allow our tribal members even more benefits in the future.

I am planning to host a meet-and-greet for Chairman Barrett in Choctaw and will get the details to you as soon as they are available. This will give you a great opportunity to ask our Chairman any questions and give him the opportunity to share his vision for our tribe with you.

If you do not plan on attending the festival this year and voting in person, please take the time to complete the request for an absentee ballot and return it right away.

Once you receive your ballot, follow all instructions carefully and return the ballot ASAP. Your vote is imperative for the future of our tribe.

As a member of the former business committee, although a member for a short time, before history was made, under the leadership of Chairman Barrett, by forming our new legislature, I would like to assure you we did not always agree. Each resolution that was passed was the result of long discussions and revisions in order to make certain each of us felt positive about



the resolution and that it was in the best interest of our tribe and our tribe's future.

On a completely different topic, in my household we have just finished basketball season, and please excuse me while I brag a bit. My son's team took first place for the third consecutive season. His team is coached by the spouse of CPN member Michelle Vernon. I would like to take this moment to thank Tory and Michelle for their dedication to the team and the kids. You guys are wonderful!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I will do my very best to serve you well.

Megwetch,

Bobbie Bowden

Representative, District #13

## Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale

Bozho, Nikan,

It is good to be able to write to you. We have had the opportunity to visit with many of you during our first few Tribal Area Gatherings. It is always great to visit with the council and to hear your opinions on the Nation.

As I was reviewing the financials, I was reminded how time seems to fly. We had just completed the first quarter financials for FY2009. I am happy to report that, even in these tough economic times, we are still performing very well financially. While I am on that point, let me remind the council that you are free to call and make an appointment to view the financial statements. I want to make sure that everyone knows that we are very serious about our finances and that they should be taken as such.

Unfortunately, I witnessed first-hand the ugliness of campaign "mudslinging" at the Dallas gathering when two of the candidates for chairman acted as if the finances of the Nation are in question and behind lock and key. I believe this to be a shameful act to try to attract votes.

I suppose the plan is to first excite the council that there is a financial crisis and then run on the platform of reform. The biggest problem with that plan is that there is no financial crisis. It is amazing to me for "someone" to claim that the financials are being withheld from inspection but the same "someone" has never called or even attempted to make an appointment to view them. Maybe the thought is to just make up what you don't know or understand about



the Nation's financials. I apologize for being so frank, but the treasury of our great Nation should not be used politically.

I urge you to continue to support Chairman Barrett as he seeks re-election. The Chairman is a vital link in all we have done and are doing. Please do not buy into the propaganda and hollow promises of an election year that other candidates are offering you. We are a better and smarter people than that. If I can do anything to answer any of your questions or concerns please call.

Sometimes, we do not say thank you enough, please do not let me be guilty of that. I am very thankful and humbled that you allow me to be your Secretary-Treasurer.

Megwetch,

D. Wayne Trousdale/NETEMGIWSE

Secretary/ Treasurer

### Citizen Potawatomi Nation \* Request for Ballot \* June 2009 Election

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I reside within the boundaries of CPN Legislative District No. \_\_\_\_\_

(If you live in Oklahoma, write Oklahoma in the blank above.)

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal roll number.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Roll # \_\_\_\_\_

Must be postmarked no later than June 7, 2009



## Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Bozho,

As I was reviewing a few of the old issues of the *HowNiKan* recently, I found one of my articles written in 2003 about the need for a new constitution. I was pleasantly surprised that I wrote on the importance of consulting the constitution in the day-to-day administration and management of the Nation's programs, enterprises, and governmental affairs. With our new legislators, this statement is probably more important than ever before. A portion of the following paragraph was extracted from the six-year old column.

"One of the most valuable lessons that I have learned as a leader of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is the importance of the constitution. The constitution is the guiding light for the leaders of our Nation and must be consulted on an on-going basis...it is the backbone of our governmental process. When we are in need of legal and professional guidance, the constitution often holds the answer to the path we should pursue to solve the problem."

The constitution addresses our name, objectives, membership, tribal jurisdiction, the council, the executive officers, the legislators, and the courts, to name a few. There are 21 Articles included in the main body of the constitution. There is also a Preamble that gives dates of legislation established for Oklahoma Indian Tribes, which resulted in opportunities for economic and social advancement.

Approval of the newly revised constitution of 2007, which includes the 16-member legislative government, is an endeavor for which all tribal members should be very proud. The new governmental process is a giant step in serving our members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation throughout the United States. In essence, we are working more closely and more efficiently with our huge, extended family.

What a blessing to be a part of this fantastic Nation! As we have traveled to the Tribal Area Gatherings recently, we have been able to reach out to many members who did not know of certain benefits. To me, it is a real thrill to assist a tribal member with a new-found benefit...whether it



is monetary or informational. Sometimes, the reward is in knowing that two relatives have connected. Perhaps they have not seen each other for years or, in some instances, they may be meeting for the first time. Unless, you have witnessed such a reunion, you can't imagine the excitement.

I believe our new legislators will enhance the whole process of outreach, and eventually we will see a more unified people of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Even the present campaign is part of a healthy, growing Nation. We will be wiser and more informed when we cast our votes by either absentee ballot, prior to the election, or walk-in vote on June 27, 2009. Meanwhile, tribal members will have learned more about their heritage, more about the business of the Nation, and more about the importance of being a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your Nation, please feel free to contact your legislators or call your executive leaders at headquarters at 800-880-9880. You have the right to ask questions. You are a very important member of this prestigious Nation. I encourage you to read your constitution, contact your leaders, and be active with this great, extended family.

As usual, I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.

Megwetch,  
Linda Capps

## Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, My Friends),

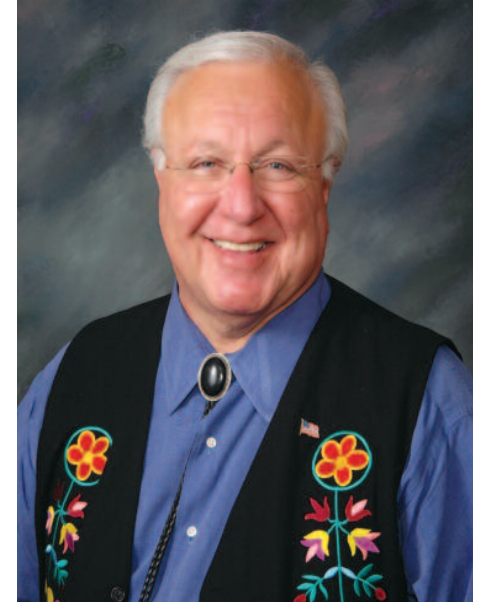
Since the previous *HowNiKan* came out, we have held Tribal Area Gathering meetings in Las Vegas, Dallas, Houston, Rossville, and St. Louis. These meetings have been a lot of fun, and we are back into the kind of event that features a lot of history, some tribal business, and more and more about family.

We continue to honor our Eldest and Wisest Member in attendance, our Youngest Enrolled Member at the meeting, and the person who traveled the furthest to come to the meeting. As we have in the past, candidates are allowed at least a half-hour to present their views. We have a good meal together, discuss the benefits available to all of our members no matter where they live, and gather family information for Tribal Rolls and the Heritage Center.

It has never failed that someone in attendance will meet a cousin that he did not know he has. It is an old-time family reunion, a tribal government meeting, and a genealogy information swap all rolled into one. We no longer use the name "Regional Council" because the boundaries that made up the several Regions have changed with the new constitution defining legislative districts. However, our format, spirit, and traditions are the same. Along with the Family Reunion Festival, it is the most rewarding part of being Tribal Chairman to conduct these meetings and meet with our people for these 24 years.

It is always interesting to note how many people who come to the meetings are surprised about our regular presentation about "blood degree" and "per capita payments." Both of these things are bad inventions of the federal government designed to take away the obligations the United States made to us in the Treaty of 1861, which created the Citizen Potawatomi as a separate Nation, and the Treaty of 1867, that allowed us to buy the reservation in Oklahoma. They were a hurtful trick on us then and remain so today.

"Blood degree" was invented to encourage tribes to restrict their membership or marry only within the tribe; that is why we do not recognize it. Per Capita was designed to prevent tribal governments, the original aboriginal "owners" of the land, from exercising the economic power of the intact land payment. Both of these



policies violate our traditions and history. Even in ancient times, we did not cut up each animal brought in from a hunt into exact pieces for each resident of the village. First, we gave it to those who needed it most.

There is new and exciting news that can have a positive impact on our Tribal Savings Certificates. The Obama Administration has announced a Tribal Economic Development, or TED, Bond. This is a \$2 billion reservation for 2009 that can be the basis for our Savings Certificates if the rules allow private placement. This bond has a feature in which a portion of the interest rate, 35%, is rebated to the Tribe. If we can get this rebate, we will be able to offer a higher rate of interest.

The use of the Savings Certificate funds is my greatest hope for the future. It appears that the federal government is preparing to offer reimbursements or direct payment for Assisted Living. One of the most heartbreaking things for us is an elder having to move out of our rental units because he cannot take care of himself. We need a place for him to go if he is still getting around, but cannot do it all.

The construction of an attached Assisted Living facility is the best use of the Tribal Services Center building, such as we have in Rossville. If this building was also a dining and activity room every day and tribal meeting facility when we want to have a meeting, it would be fully utilized. We can build both Elder Housing and Assisted Living at the same time. We are

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pursuing this plan as hard as we can.

We have received many letters about retirement homes for those who are not low-income but want to move to live here, most particularly next to FireLake Golf Course with the casino, tribal health facilities, stores, and other services nearby. Living on trust land, one would have no state income taxes. We are preparing a plan to include some very nice condominiums on the 18 acres on the southwest corner of the golf course, next to #14 and # 7 fairways. If our members show sufficient interest, we will submit it to the Tribal Legislature for consideration.

Our construction projects on the Youth Center and Bowling Lanes, the RV Park/Festival grounds, the geothermal heating and cooling retrofit of FireLake Entertainment Center, and the new streets are progressing well. I hope all of you will be pleased by the improvements in the Festival grounds when you see them in June.

I am so very proud of and grateful to our

employees here at the Nation. Our businesses continue to show profits due to reduction of expenses and attention to service to our customers.

Thank you for the honor of serving as Tribal Chairman. I ask for your votes in the coming election. I want to thank the hundreds of people who have asked to help me in the election and request that you all encourage your family members to vote, and act to be sure that they do. I am especially grateful for the endorsements in this paper by Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, and Tribal Legislators Lisa Kraft, David Barrett, Eva Marie Carney, Paul Schmidtkofer, Roy Slavin, Bobbi Bowden, and Paul Wesselhoft. Their support means a lot to me and reflects the great things we can accomplish together in the next four years for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Megwetch (Thank you),  
John 'Rocky' Barrett/Keweoge  
Tribal Chairman

## Walking On

### Pauline Kremenak Shearer

Pauline Kremenak Shearer was born in 1920, in Toledo, Iowa, and passed away on January 21, 2008, at her home in Oklahoma City. She was the daughter of Frank Sr. and Elizabeth Kremenak. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Toledo, Iowa.

She was educated in the Toledo Public Schools and graduated as valedictorian of her class. She went to Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she met and married Robert Leo Shearer. Pauline raised her children near several military bases and ultimately in Toledo while Bob served in the 29th Division in WWII. Upon Robert's discharge, they returned to Dallas, Texas. They were members of the Casa Linda Presbyterian Church.

After retirement, they moved to their ranch outside Terrell, Texas, where they were members of the College Mound United Methodist Church. They raised horses and cattle and traveled extensively by Airstream trailer throughout the United States.

Later, Pauline and Bob moved to Oklahoma City to be near their daughter, Ann Manley. Pauline was a member of Our Lord's Community Church in Oklahoma City and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Pauline was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert, and her parents, Frank and Elizabeth Kremenak. She was also preceded in death by her grandparents, John Anderson Jr. and Sophia Muller Anderson; and Joe Kremenak and Polly Kubic Kremenak.

She is survived by three brothers, Frank Kremenak Jr. of Eugene, Oregon; John Kremenak of Bryan, Texas; and Albert Kremenak of Toledo, Iowa; three children, Robert A. Shearer and wife, Linda; Bruce L. Shearer and wife, Jean; and Ann Shearer Manley and husband, Scott; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Mercy Hospital Hospice and Pauline's special caregivers, Cynthia, Trisha, Krystal, Chris, and Brenda for the loving care they provided. Cards and flowers may be sent to Smith & Kernke, Oklahoma City, or memorials may be sent to College Mound United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 793, Terrell, TX 75160.

## Please No Per Capita For Me

Please send me no Per Capita check  
I need the support of my tribe  
Who would assist in burying me?  
And preserve my precious bloodline  
No Per Capita for me, you see  
I may need medical attention  
If my family or I should become ill  
Unaffordable are Docs and prescriptions  
No, no Per Capita for me I say  
We need to care for our elders  
If we are hungry or homeless  
We're provided with food, with shelter  
Yes, I vote NO on a payment  
So education will be given  
Feed the mouths of our future  
The infants, children, and women  
Our country is in trouble  
See Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac  
Please no Per Capita for me  
Let's keep our Nation in the black  
We are prosperous, oh thank God  
But, the monies that are made  
Come back to us all in services  
No Per Capita for me I say

No Per Capita for me, oh please  
We've inexpensive courts & car tags  
Let's not put thousands out of work  
A few hundred would barely buy gas  
Those who say, "Vote for me, I'll pay"  
Will cost us all in the end  
No Per Capita for me I pray  
On my tribal assets I depend  
Re-elect - for your best interest  
No, don't be deceived  
All is well, and getting better  
Please no Per Capita for me!  
So, if a payment should be made  
And caution's thrown to the wind  
Send mine straight to my home church  
IT'LL DO MORE GOOD FOR THEM!  
Crunch the numbers, Do the math  
We need support that will last and last  
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Sheila Hughes  
Concerned Tribal Member

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**CPN Legislature, District #8**

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**Walking On**

**Charles Raymond ‘Chuck’ Bromley**



Charles Raymond ‘Chuck’ Bromley embraced life for 62 years. He passed away in his home in Kings Beach, California, leaving all who knew him with many cherished memories.

A California native, Chuck was born in Long Beach and raised in the Los Angeles area. He graduated from David Star Jordan High School in 1963. He then served in the Marine Corps Reserves from 1963 to 1971, from which he received an honorable discharge. While living in the Los Angeles area between 1967 and 1977, Chuck married his former wife, Amy

Hemd, and became the proud father of two sons, Todd Alan Bromley and Trent Michael Bromley.

Chuck was employed for many years at Douglas Aircraft and Armored Transport Inc. In 1977, he and his family moved to the Lake Tahoe area, where Chuck found a love for fishing, hunting, and nature. Throughout the 30 years he lived at Tahoe, Chuck worked as a flooring contractor, which fostered many lasting friendships.

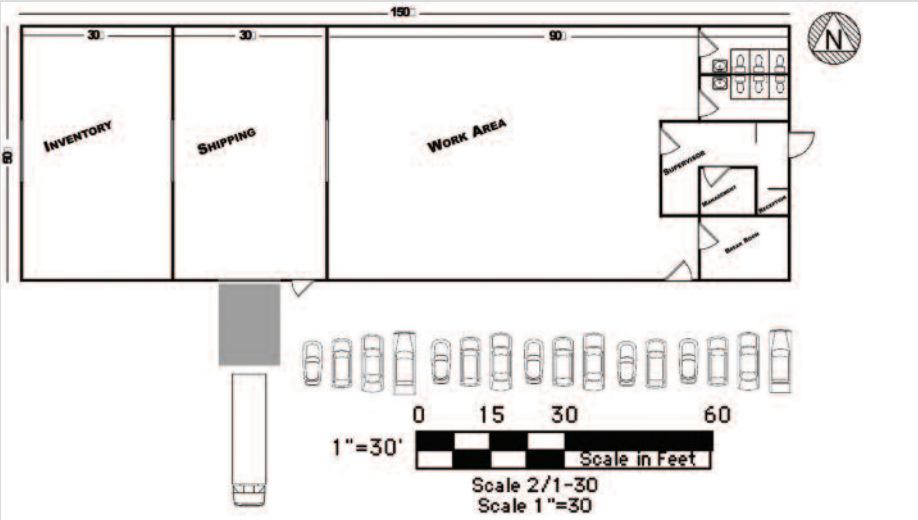
Chuck will be remembered as a man who enjoyed life, an avid storyteller, and a proud member of the Potawatomi Tribe.

In recent years he spent his time Jeeping, camping, and celebrating his four grandchildren. He appreciated the warm sun, a good book, and a cold beer.

He is survived by Kathy Williams, his loving partner of 14 years; his older brother James and sister-in-law Becky Bromley; sons Todd and Trent Bromley; daughters-in-law Kim Bromley and Christina Ramirez-Bromley; and grandchildren Madison and Nathan Bromley and Jade and Kai Ramirez-Bromley.

Family and friends gathered to celebrate memories of Charles Raymond Bromley on December 15, 2009 at 1 p.m. and throughout the afternoon.

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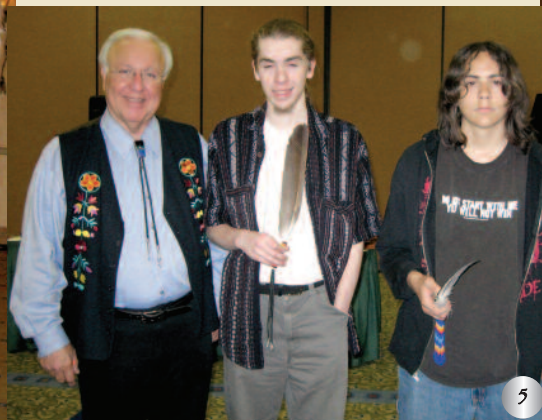
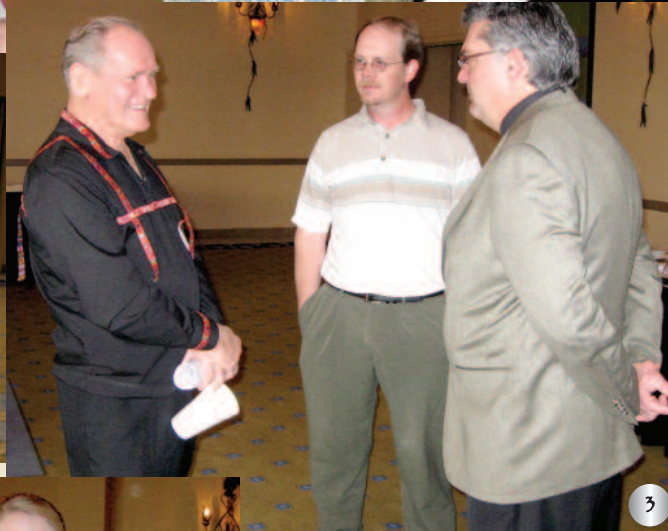
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# Tribal Area Gathering - Las Vegas



A nice-sized group of CPN members attended the first 2009 Tribal Area Gathering, on February 21 in Las Vegas.

1) Nancy Tarter and daughter Laura Green arrive.

2) Chairman John Barrett pauses to pose with Imogene Huffman of Boulder City, Nevada and three-and-on-half month old Jacquez Castenado, the Wisest and Youngest Potawatomis at the meeting.

3) District #1 Rep. Roy Slavin chats with CPN IT Director James Bishop and Tribal Rolls Director Charles Clark.

4) Emily and Christopher Nowlin and their children, Violet and Brock, of Henderson, Nevada attended. Emily is the daughter of Penny Coats, manager of FireLake Gifts in the Cultural Heritage Center. Emily and Penny are members of the Bourbonnais family.

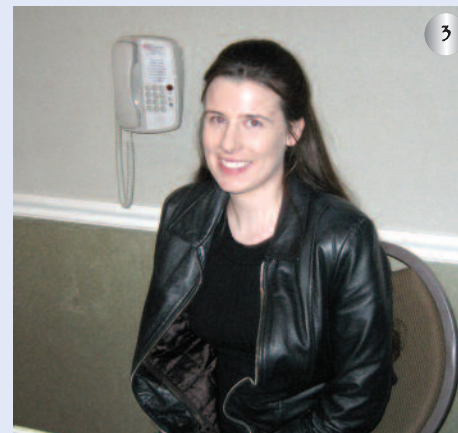
5) Spencer and Nicholas Kulani of Henderson pose with Chairman Barrett. Each had his photo snapped with the Chairman years ago as the Youngest in attendance at a regional meeting. They are grandsons of the late Philonise Williams, former Southwest Regional Director.

6) Joyce Dickson of Henderson and son Brian of Las Vegas are members of the Trousdale family.

7) Frank and three-and-one-half-month-old Jacquez Castenado, father and son, received the awards for traveling the longest distance (from Covina, California) and for being the youngest in attendance. They are descendants of the Abram Burnett family.



# Tribal Area Gathering - Dallas



CPN members congregated from across North Texas for the Tribal Area Gathering in Lewisville, a Dallas suburb, on February 28.

1) District #10 Legislator David Barrett and wife Connie journeyed to Lewisville from Shawnee.

2) Chairman John Barrett holds the Youngest Potawatomi in attendance, Harlie Dawn Martin, who is three months old. Harlie Dawn is the daughter of Angela D. Martin of Soper, Oklahoma. Harlie and Angela are Bruno family descendants.

3) Tasha Nail, CPN member and Tribal Rolls staff member, provided photo identification membership cards. Tasha is a descendant of the Holloway/Melott family.

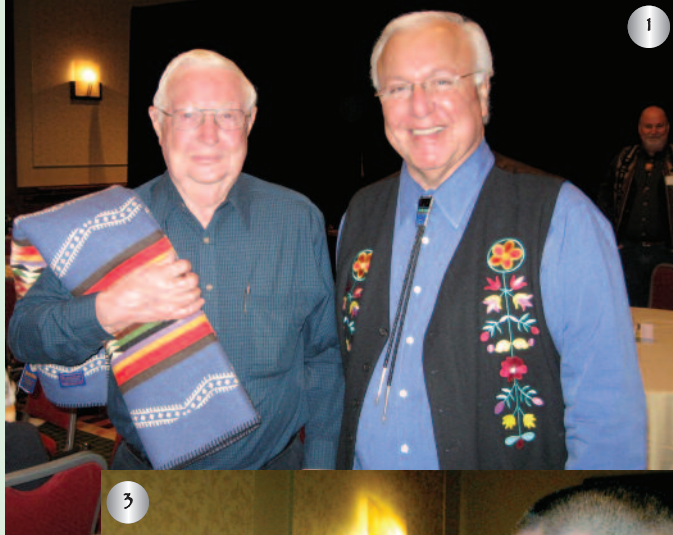
4) Ray Strange of Odessa, Texas earned a gift for traveling the longest distance to attend the meeting. Ray is a descendant of the Hardin family.

5) Chairman Barrett stands with the Wisest Potawatomi at the Dallas TAG, 85-year-old Claude Julian of Kaufman, Texas. CPN member Donald Garcia of Greenville, Texas is seated with Mr. Julian.

6) Barbara Abbey of Denton poses with her brother, Jerry Barnes of Gainesville. Barbara and Jerry are Rhodd family descendants.



# Tribal Area Gathering - Houston



1) At the Houston Tribal Area Gathering, Chairman John Barrett presented a Pendleton blanket to "Wisest Potawatomi" present, John Kremenak of Bryan, Texas. John is an Anderson family descendant.

2) CPN member Michelle Obalek attended with her children, Tala and Clayton, and husband Kevin. Michelle is a Holloway family descendant.

3) Serenity Hansen of LaPort, Texas was the Youngest Potawatomi at the Houston TAG. She and her father, Shane Hansen, are Brant family descendants, as is Shane's mother Rebecca Hansen.

4) Chairman Barrett presented a travel bag to A.R. Walters of Driftwood, Texas in appreciation for his having traveled the farthest to attend the gathering.

5) Christian Hansen posed with his daughter-in-law, Becky, and grandchildren Maraya and Serenity at a naming ceremony site.

6) Jason and Debra Tade of Hockley, Texas are shown with their twin daughters, Macy and Taylor. The Tades are Rhodd family descendants.

7) Andrew Walters and his lovely wife Cora, who are Spring, Texas residents, posed for the camera. The Walters brothers, A.R. and Andrew, are descendants of Effie M. Dike.



*CPN member to manage Pittsburgh through 2010*

## Pirates exercise club option on John Russell

A Citizen Potawatomi Nation member has at least two seasons of security in what often can be the topsy-turvy, insecure job of managing a Major League Baseball team. In late February, the Pittsburgh Pirates announced they have exercised the 2010 club option of manager John Russell. The announcement was made by Neal Huntington, the Pirates Senior Vice President and General Manager.

In early April, the former Norman, Oklahoma High/University of Oklahoma standout began his second season as the manager of the Pirates, after being named to his current position on November 5, 2007.

"J.R. met or exceeded expectations in his first year as the Pirates manager. His club worked hard to play the game properly and battled from the first out until the last," said Huntington. "His leadership, knowledge, attention to detail, ability to see the big picture, and passion for things being done the right way made him the ideal choice as our manager a year ago and made the decision to pick up his option for 2010 an easy decision. I look forward to working closely with him for years to come as we build a consistent championship caliber organization in Pittsburgh."

When he was hired to helm the Pirates, Russell used the words accountability, discipline, pride, and passion. Those are adjectives he believes will be attached to the club moving forward.

The 47-year-old Russell is the 38th manager as the club enters its 123rd season. In his first season at the helm with Pittsburgh in 2008, Russell guided the Bucs to a 67-95 record. His club posted a National League-best 50-2 record when leading after seven innings last year.

When Russell was hired to manage the Pirates, Mike Arbuckle, the Phillies' minor-league director who hired Russell to manage in the Philadelphia system, said, "He knows the game -- and can impart what he knows. That's the separator. Some guys know the game but can't communicate with young players to teach the game. I think his ability to impart the knowledge sets him apart."

The Pirates manager is the son of Delores Russell of Camargo, Oklahoma. His great-grandfather was Arthur G. Higbee and his grandfather was Verl P. Higbee. His siblings are David Michael



*CPN member John Russell (in glasses) manages against the Chicago Cubs in 2008. Pittsburgh Pirates ownership likes the job he did in 2008 and has extended his contract guarantee through 2010.*

(Mike) Russell of Dallas, Texas and Dr. D'Anne Stephens of Hurst, Texas.

Prior to his time in Pittsburgh, Russell spent eight seasons managing in the Minnesota Twins' Minor League system, during which he earned Baseball America's nod as the 2002 Minor League Manager of the Year and Best Managerial Prospect. The baseball publication had also named Russell the Eastern League's Best Managerial Prospect four seasons earlier.

Russell's return to Pittsburgh was a homecoming of sorts, after he spent three years as a Pirates third-base coach under manager Lloyd McClendon. Before that, however, the 46-year-old Oklahoma City, Oklahoma native spent the majority of his post-playing days as a manager. His last two years were spent managing the Phillies' Triple-A affiliate, which included a season in which Russell earned International League Manager of the Year honors in 2006 for guiding the team to the International League North title. He was a Major League player from 1984 through 1993.

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# John Rocky Barrett

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